

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/10/61

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-47657)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
6/25/61  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

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Rerep SA HUNTER E. HELGESON 7/26/61, at New Orleans.

Rerep requests that San Francisco should check indices and conduct a credit and criminal check at the place of residence of RICHARD THORNE.

The only reference to THORNE in the San Francisco indices reflected that the "Berkeley Daily Gazette", a local newspaper, edited an article in the issue of 6/20/61, which reflected that RICHARD THORNE, 24 of 1862 Fairview Street, a student, was one of the local Freedom Riders who had been arrested in Mississippi.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. An additional copy of this letterhead is being forwarded to New Orleans for their information.

2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)  
1 - New Orleans (Encl. 1)  
1 - San Francisco  
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157-387-919

EX-107  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Agency: San Francisco  
Req. For: 100-47657  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-47657

San Francisco, California

August 10, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 25, 1961

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RE: [REDACTED]

B. APPROX.

Records of the Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, reflect that [REDACTED] Berkeley, California, was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 25, 1961, and charged with breach of the peace.

On August 7, 1961, records of the Berkeley Police Department, Berkeley, California, were checked but failed to reflect any information concerning [REDACTED]

On August 7, 1961, [REDACTED] Registrar's Office, University of California, Berkeley, California, advised that she could locate no record of [REDACTED] having attended the University of California at Berkeley.

On August 8, 1961, [REDACTED] made available the files of the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, and it was noted that a file was being maintained for [REDACTED]. The last entry in this file was on September 29, 1959, at which time he resided at [REDACTED] Berkeley, and listed a previous residence as [REDACTED] Berkeley. At that time he indicated his employment as working for [REDACTED].

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The file reflected that on June 18, 1959, [redacted] indicated that he was working for [redacted]. However, a check by the credit bureau failed to verify this employment.

The file reflected that on July 15, 1959, [redacted] indicated that he worked as a [redacted] for the [redacted].

In conjunction with [redacted] credit record, there was maintained a [redacted] Credit Card with an entry dated January 27, 1960, which indicated that [redacted] had been [redacted].

The "Berkeley Daily Gazette," a daily newspaper at Berkeley, California, in the issue of June 20, 1961, carried an article which listed a number of local "Freedom Riders" who had been arrested in Mississippi and among these was listed RICHARD THORNE, 24, 1862 Fairview Street, a student.

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URGENT 8-18-61 6-02 PM CST LM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P  
FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. EIGHTEEN.  
NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. SEVENTEENTH SUMMARY. DEPUTY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HINDS COUNTY SO, JACKSON, ADVISED TODAY RECHECK OF  
HIS RECORDS SHOWS FOLLOWING FR PRISONERS RELEASED ON BOND  
ON DATES INDICATED AND NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY SO DASH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JULY SEVENTEEN, [REDACTED] AUG. TEN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AUG. SIXTEEN. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN.

RELEASED ON BOND TWO ZERO NINE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED  
TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS  
CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE.  
NET IN CUSTODY SEVEN SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS  
COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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URGENT 8-21-61 10-32 AM WFM  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND NEW YORK CITY  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. [REDACTED] JACKSON, MISS.

ADVISED TODAY THAT TWO WHITE CATHOLIC PRIESTS WILL DEPART NYC BY  
AIR TODAY FOR JACKSON, MISS. AS FRS. AFTER ARRIVAL JACKSON, WILL  
GO TO ONE OF BUS TERMINALS IN JACKSON WHERE THEY WILL ENTER COLORED  
WAITING ROOM, PURCHASE BUS TICKETS, AND USE ALL FACILITIES, COLORED  
WAITING ROOM. WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO TEST FACILITIES JACKSON AIRPORT  
TERMINAL. [REDACTED] HAS NO OTHER DETAILS BUT ADVISES THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CORE, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NYC, CAN FURNISH IDENTITIES  
OF THE TWO PRIESTS AND SCHEDULE. NY CONTACT CORE HEADQUARTERS,  
ASCERTAIN DETAILS INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE, WHICH BUS TERMINAL THEY  
INTEND TO TEST, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO BUS TERMINAL,  
AND WHETHER OR NOT TEST OF BUS TERMINAL WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER ARRIVING AT JACKSON AIRPORT. SUTEL.

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Date: 8/15/61

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
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Re New Orleans airtel, 8/8/61.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business, 8/12/61:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>
Agents	925	529
Clerical	789	22

Miles driven: 4,753

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b7cVia AIRTEL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(157-373)~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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ReWFOtel to Bureau, 8/17/61.

Detective [redacted] NYCPD, advised SA [redacted]  
[redacted] telephonically on 8/17/61, that they had checked  
earlier with the dispatcher at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, 34th  
Street and Eighth Avenue, NYC, and determined that chartered  
Greyhound Bus #3404, arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at  
3:00 am, today. There were no problems or incidents at the  
Terminal involving passengers on the bus.

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URGENT 8-19-61 4-20 PM CST LM

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. NINETEEN. NO  
FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. EIGHTEEN. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED  
NINETY SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND TWO HUNDRED THIRTYSIX. PAID  
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Date: 8-14-61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-43)

RE: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS. MISCELLANEOUS

OO: Los Angeles

Greyhound Bus with freedom riders arrived El Paso, Texas, 2:30 AM, 8-12-61, and departed 3:00 AM. No incidents occurred. Local authorities alerted.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (REG. AM)
- 1 - El Paso

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TO DIRECTOR FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS*  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. SEVENTEEN-  
NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. SIXTEEN SUMMARY. TOTAL  
ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND TWO ZERO SIX. PAID  
FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION  
FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION  
OF SENTENC ONE. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHT ZERO. ALL FR PRISONERS  
EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL. *157-387-926*

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Date: 8/11/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

RE: FREEBUS

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RE: Bureau teletype to Houston, 8/10/61;  
Houston telephone call to Bureau, 8/11/61.

Twelve freedom riders from California arrived Houston, Texas, 9:55 AM, 8/11/61, via Southern Pacific Railroad. Railroad conductor and various passengers reported this group was very noisy and walked throughout train bragging that they would "break the Union Station Restaurant at Houston wide open." There are no facilities at Southern Pacific Station where group arrived. This group was met by six Houston members of Progressive Youth Association (PYA), a local group which also engages in attempts to integrate various facilities.

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Entire group from California spent approximately one hour in offices of Houston Attorneys [redacted] who regularly furnish legal assistance and guidance to PYA. At 11:55 AM, several members of this group proceeded to Union Station and purchased seven one way

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  - 2 - Los Angeles (AM) (157-367)
  - 2 - New Orleans (Info.) (AM)
  - 2 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

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tickets by Missouri Pacific Railroad to DeQuincy, Louisiana, which represents cheapest tickets which can be purchased at Houston for interstate travel. This group later made short trip to Southern Pacific Station, possibly for similar purpose.

At 1:48 PM, twelve freedom riders from California accompanied by four individuals from Houston believed to be PYA members entered the restaurant at Union Station and took seats. Manager of restaurant declined to serve these persons, and they refused to leave restaurant. Manager proceeded directly to Houston Police Department and attempted to obtain arrest warrants through Corporation Court but Houston Police Chief CARL L. SHUPTRINE refused to approve warrants or furnish any assistance to restaurant owner. Restaurant owner then proceeded to Harris County Court House and obtained warrants against above 16 individuals charging them with unlawful assembly.

After restaurant owner returned to restaurant uniformed police officers arrived at the scene and obtained identities of each freedom rider and observed railroad ticket in possession of each rider. All 16 individuals were then placed under arrest and at 3:35 PM were placed in police vehicles and left for Harris County Jail to be photographed, fingerprinted, and booked in.

During above period, there was no threat of violence or any incidents other than routine activities normal for this railroad station at this period. Arrested persons left quietly until actually leaving station when they began singing.

It is not known at this time whether arrested persons will seek release on bond or will remain in jail. It is noted information developed by Los Angeles indicated California group might continue to Jackson, Mississippi, if not arrested at Houston.



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The Houston Office will maintain contact with established sources and will promptly advise the Bureau and interested offices of pertinent developments as they occur. In event any of this group leave Houston for travel to Jackson, Mississippi, or elsewhere, Houston will advise appropriate office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 8/16/61

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FROM: *Ecu* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-93)  
*for*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, 8/10/61.

On 8/11/61, Inspector  Executive Officer, San Antonio Police Department, advised that there was no disturbance or incident of any kind when Southern Pacific Train, Sunset Limited, Train Number 2, passed through San Antonio on the early morning of 8/11/61.

No further action is contemplated in this matter by San Antonio Office.

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1-San Antonio

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Date: 8/8/61

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS *Freedom Riders - Misc*  
(OO: NEWARK)

Re Newark airtel to Bureau dated 7/28/61.

Pursuant to lead set forth in referenced airtel there is being transmitted herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information relative to the activities of the instant group in the Memphis Division. Two copies of this are being made available to the office of origin for their information.

The Special Agent observing the activities of the group at the bus station in Nashville, Tenn., is SA [redacted] He is also the Special Agent who observed the activities of freedom rider [redacted] in Nashville, Tenn., upon his return on 7/21/61.

Agents observing freedom riders [redacted] and [redacted] at Memphis, Tenn., on 7/21/61 are SA's [redacted]

Identities of the Agents observing activities of the group at the Greyhound Bus Station in Memphis, Tenn., on 7/19/61 are SA's WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE and [redacted]

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1 - Newark (Encl. 2)  
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By *John C. Newark*

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Approved *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Memphis, Tennessee  
August 8, 1961

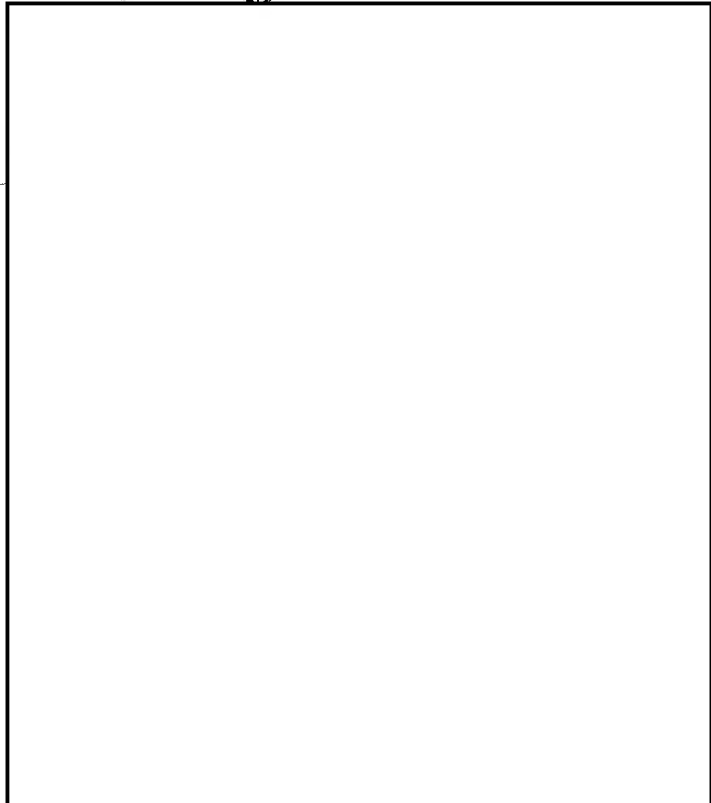
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RE: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTERS

On July 19, 1961, at 12:18 p.m. five freedom riders  
identified as following arrived at Nashville, Tennessee, at  
the Greyhound Bus Station where they were observed by a Special  
Agent of the FBI:

- (1) Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair
- (2) Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
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Glasses
- (3) Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
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Weight  
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(4) Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Build  
Complexion

(5) Name  
Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Build  
Complexion  
Voice



This group arrived at Nashville, Tennessee, via Greyhound bus number M5494. They were met by a Negro youth, a white youth and a white girl who were riding in a 1958 Dodge. 1961 Tennessee license [redacted] This car is registered to [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee. The group talked at the bus for approximately ten minutes. During this time the Negro youth was observed to go to a public telephone in the bus station and make two telephone calls, these calls being made at approximately 12:20 to 12:25 p.m. The local group left the bus station, leaving the five named freedom riders who entered the bus station at approximately 12:30 p.m. They went to the lunch counter where they obtained service eating sandwiches. They experienced no difficulty.

The group left Nashville by Greyhound bus number M5446 en route to Memphis, Tennessee.

The bus station was covered by two plain clothesmen from the Nashville Police Department and a Special Agent of the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the state investigative organization. Also observed at the bus station were a newspaper reporter from The Nashville Banner and a newspaper reporter from United Press International. There was also a news photographer from The Nashville Banner. The

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photographer took no photographs and none of the reporters made any attempt to interview the freedom riders.

Two unidentified white youths who apparently were curiosity seekers were observed attempting to make photographs of the group. These individuals were surveilled to the YMCA, Nashville, Tennessee, and subsequently to their automobile which bore a 1961 Oklahoma license number [redacted]. This car was a black and white 1957 two-door Ford hardtop. Observed inside the automobile were some bibles printed by the Southwestern Company, a company located in Nashville, Tennessee, which prints and sells bibles by the use of door-to-door salesmen.

[redacted] the Southwestern Company, Nashville, advised that one of the individuals who was taking pictures is a [redacted] from the State of Oklahoma who is presently in Nashville training as a salesman for the Southwestern Company. [redacted] stated that he questioned [redacted] concerning taking the pictures and was advised that [redacted] had read of the freedom riders in the paper and that he was taking the pictures merely as a matter of curiosity. He stated that the other individual who was with him was a man whom he had met at the YMCA and who was a casual acquaintance. [redacted] was unable to furnish his name. [redacted] stated that there was no connection between [redacted] and the freedom rider movement or a segregationist movement. *Tenn*

On July 19, 1961, Inspector [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee Police Department, advised that at approximately 12:20 p.m. two calls from an anonymous caller were received at the Nashville Police Department stating that there was an explosion at the bus station. The Police Department because it had men on duty at the bus station took no action on these calls other than to send a sergeant of the uniformed patrol by the bus station to be sure that the men on duty had not been incapacitated and therefore to be sure that there was no explosion.

On the evening of July 19, 1961, two Special Agents of the FBI observed the five individuals named above arriving at the Greyhound Bus Depot in Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:25 p.m. The group immediately went into the Post House Restaurant at the bus station depot. There they sat together at the counter

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and were served without incident by white waitresses. They were interviewed by [redacted] of the United Press International and by an unidentified white female reporter.

The Commercial Appeal and Press Scimitar reporters were present but made no effort to interview the group. Both of these are newspapers published locally at Memphis, Tennessee.

At approximately 6:50 p.m. the group entered a United Cab Company taxi number 36 (Negro) driven by [redacted] They were followed by white Memphis Police Department officers, Lieutenants [redacted] and by Negro Police Department officers [redacted] 1811

They proceeded to Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee, and went into Roger Williams Hall, a dormitory. It will be noted that Owen College is a Negro institution. At approximately 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 1961, [redacted] contacted the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Division and volunteered information that the group would remain at Owen College all night and would depart Memphis at 12:40 p.m. on July 20, 1961, via Greyhound bus en route to Little Rock, Arkansas. He also volunteered that he would advise the Memphis Division if there were any changes in the group's plans. It was noted that there was no local delegation or group of people to meet this group of freedom riders on their arrival. One of the group did approach one of the Negro detectives of the Memphis Police Department and asked if he might be [redacted] the NAACP in Memphis. This detective who happened to be named [redacted] replied in the negative, and when asked if he knew [redacted] address also advised that he did not.

At approximately 10:20 a.m. on July 20, 1961, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] one of the freedom riders, telephonically contacted the Memphis Division and advised that he and his associates would leave Memphis at 12:40 p.m. via Greyhound bus en route to Little Rock, Arkansas. He indicated that he would contact the Little Rock Office of the FBI upon arrival.

At 12:15 p.m. on July 20, 1961, Agents of the FBI observed the group eating lunch in the Post House Restaurant at the Greyhound Depot. This was formerly reserved for whites

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only. No incidents occurred. They appeared to be alone.

Shortly prior to 12:40 p.m. all five individuals boarded the above described bus with no incidents occurring. The two Negroes were observed sitting in the front of the bus. The bus left the Memphis depot at 12:45 p.m. en route to Little Rock.

On July 21, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI were at the Memphis airport, at which time they observed that [redacted] arrived in Memphis on American Airlines Flight No. 414. They arrived at 3:03 p.m. [redacted] remained on the plane which departed Memphis at 3:45 p.m. scheduled to arrive in Washington, D. C. at 8:00 p.m. He had reservations confirmed through to LaGuardia Field in New York City to arrive at 9:30 p.m. [redacted] departed Memphis on American Airlines Flight No. 509 scheduled to arrive in Nashville, Tennessee, at 6:24 p.m. He was confirmed only to Nashville.

On the evening of July 21, 1961, an Agent of the FBI observed [redacted] arrive on American Airlines Flight 590 at Berry Field, the municipal airport at Nashville, Tennessee. He was not met by anyone and appeared to be expecting someone to meet him. After a period of time when no one appeared, he got his luggage and took a taxicab to 1905 Jefferson Street, Nashville, Tennessee, the headquarters of the Nashville Christian Leadership Council Student Central Committee. The cab driver who transported him advised that [redacted] had the address when he got in his cab. The driver was unaware of the type of facility located at 1905 Jefferson Street.

It will be noted that [redacted] subsequently departed Nashville, Tennessee, via Greyhound bus en route to Jackson, Mississippi, with another group of freedom riders and there was arrested by the Jackson Police Department for violation of a local ordinance.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/8/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/6 - 26/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Illinois Central Railroad Depot Jackson, Mississippi July 6, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES

New Orleans phone call to Bureau, 7/6/61.

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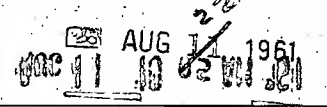
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#### AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/8/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-329

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Illinois Central Railroad Depot  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 6, 1961

Character:

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Synopsis:

Six Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, entered Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Miss., at 10:46 AM, 7/6/61. All arrested by Jackson PD when they failed to obey the orders of PD Officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/6/61 and, after not guilty pleas, were convicted of violation S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Were sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. Five Freedom Riders in group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61. One remained in Hinds County Jail, Jackson. One released on \$500 cash appeal bond 7/25/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961. He telephonically advised that in about thirty minutes a group of Negro male Freedom Riders from Jackson would enter the white waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at Jackson and attempt to purchase train tickets.

On July 6, 1961, Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, was telephonically advised of the above information.

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Date

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961:

At 10:46 AM, six Negro males entered the main entrance of the white waiting room and walked as a group approximately 20 feet into the waiting room. They were approached by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, who was observed speaking to them. A short time later, the six were escorted from the waiting room to a police patrol wagon parked near the depot.

There were no incidents in connection with the above matter.

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by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/6/61

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The following was observed at the Illinois Central Railroad Station, 300 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961:

At 10:45 AM, six Negro males entered the white waiting room, Illinois Central Station, through the front entrance. They walked to the benches just inside the door, at which time Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, told the group to move on. He repeated this command and asked if they understood his command, at which time they remained standing. He then advised them they were under arrest.

The group was then escorted through the rear entrance of the white waiting room to the police patrol wagon waiting at the taxi loading and unloading ramp. The six Negroes then entered the patrol wagon and were driven away. No incidents were noted to have occurred.

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Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department, at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:45 AM, July 6, 1961. [redacted] stated that the group had entered the white waiting room and, when ordered by Captain [redacted] to move on, they refused to move. They were arrested and charged with Breach of the Peace. [redacted] advised there were no incidents in connection with these arrests.

[redacted] furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest: 7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
by Captain [redacted] Jackson  
Police Department  
Breach of Peace

Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:

Mississippi

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Father:  
Mother:

Education:  
Prior arrests:

[redacted]  
11th grade  
Arrested by Hinds County, charge -  
[redacted] (no date);  
Arrested 7/20/58 charge [redacted]  
released to Juvenile Authorities  
7/20/58

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

[redacted]  
7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
Captain [redacted] Jackson Police  
Department  
Breach of Peace

Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:

[redacted]  
Mississippi  
Student, Brinkley High

Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:  
Comments:

[redacted]  
High school  
None  
[redacted]

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Date of arrest: 7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
by Captain [Redacted] Jackson  
Police Department  
Breach of Peace

Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

[Redacted]

Mississippi

Student, Mississippi Vocational,  
Itta Bena, Mississippi

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

[Redacted]

High school and one year college  
Mississippi Vocational, Itta Bena,  
Mississippi

Scars:

[Redacted]

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:

[Redacted]

7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
by Captain [Redacted] Jackson  
Police Department  
Breach of Peace

Charge:  
Race:  
Age:

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Miss



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Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Mississippi

Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:

Education:  
Prior arrests:

10th grade, Brinkley High

Arrested Hinds County -

no date listed. Arrested

Jackson Police Department, 11/23/59-  
charge -

Arrested Jackson Police Department,  
2/2/61 - charge.

Scars:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
by Captain Jackson  
Police Department

Charge:

Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Birth data:

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Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Mississippi

Student, Brinkley High, Jackson,  
Mississippi

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

11th Grade, Brinkley High, Jackson

None

Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/6/61, Illinois Central Depot,  
Captain [redacted] Jackson Police

Department

Breach of Peace

Charge:

Race:

Sex:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Father:

Mother:

Mississippi

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Education:

8th grade (in 1956)

Prior arrests:

Comments:

Date 7/13/61

Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau,  
Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that  
the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal  
Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961:

[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that all of the above in-  
dividuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5,  
Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty  
through their attorney [redacted] Jackson. All de-  
fendants were convicted and sentenced to four months  
in jail and fined \$200. According to [redacted] all of the  
defendants were transferred to the Hinds County Jail,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised there were no incidents  
during the course of the above trial.

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by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/cab Date dictated 7/7/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following Freedom Rider prisoners were transferred from the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



GILFOY advised that [redacted] would be kept in custody at the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, because he was only [redacted] years of age.

On July 26, 1961, [redacted] Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond the night of July 25, 1961.

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Date: 8/16/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

RE: FREEBUS

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RE: Houston teletype to the Bureau, 8/15/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum bearing the captions "PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY." This dual caption was used because the activities reported on constituted a joint operation of these two organizations.

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

One copy of this memorandum is being disseminated to CIC, U. S. Army, Houston, Texas.

The confidential source mentioned on page one of the enclosed memorandum is [REDACTED]

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  - 6 - Houston
    - (2 - 44-786 - FREEBUS)
    - (1 - 157-151 - CORE)
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The indices of the Houston Office contain no references to the eleven California residents arrested in connection with this matter other than information set out in Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, 6:35 PM, 8/9/61. Houston files reflect the seven Houston Negroes who were arrested with the California group are all members of the Progressive Youth Association and have been active in PYA sit-in demonstrations seeking to integrate various Houston restaurants, including the one at Union Station. Houston indices contain no other references identifiable with these seven individuals.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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Los Angeles is requested to review office files pertaining to the eleven individuals from the Los Angeles area mentioned in the accompanying memorandum, and to submit a letterhead memorandum including information furnished by [ ] and other pertinent information of a subversive nature pertaining to the eleven individuals.

HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will maintain contact with established sources and advise the Bureau and interested offices of pertinent developments in this matter.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Houston, Texas

August 16, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

On August 9, 1961, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group of twelve "Freedom Riders" sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality had arranged to depart from Los Angeles, California, at 9:00 PM on August 9, 1961, via Southern Pacific Railroad en route Houston, Texas. Source stated this group would be traveling on Coach Car Number 205. Source stated the announced intention of this group was to test the segregation laws at Houston, Texas. The group was scheduled to arrive at Houston, Texas, at approximately 9:20 AM on August 11, 1961.

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On August 11, 1961, Detective [redacted] Special Investigator for Office of Chief of Police, Houston, Texas, advised that the above Southern Pacific train actually arrived at Houston, Texas, at 9:55 AM on that date. [redacted] reported a group of six individuals met this train and he was able to identify these individuals as members of the Progressive Youth Association (PYA), a group which has been very active in recent months in Houston, Texas. Bass pointed out the PYA has staged a number of sit-in demonstrations at various restaurants in Houston, including the Union Station Restaurant where several of them were previously arrested.

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[ ] related a group of approximately twelve individuals were observed to disembark from Coach Number 205 on this train and they were warmly embraced by the Houston, Texas, group mentioned above. [ ] stated the group arriving on this train consisted of individuals of both sexes and of both the white and Negro races, and they appeared to be between 18 and 25 years of age.

On August 11, 1961 [ ] Investigator, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), advised the above group had been observed to arrive at the Southern Pacific Railway Station in Houston and that they were met by a group of individuals whom he identified as members of the PYA at Houston. [ ] stated he talked to the conductor of this train and to several passengers, all of whom were aware of the identities of this group as a group of California "Freedom Riders." The conductor and several passengers reported to [ ] that the "Freedom Riders" were very loud and boastful during the trip from California to Texas and they walked throughout this train telling the other passengers they were going to Houston, Texas, and that they would "break the Union Station restaurant at Houston wide open."

Detective [ ] mentioned above, pointed out on August 11, 1961, that there were no eating facilities at the Southern Pacific Railroad Station at Houston. [ ] was able to determine the California group, after leaving the train at the Southern Pacific Station, entered several private automobiles provided by the Houston PYA members and the entire party then left this station. [ ] learned that this entire group went directly to the offices of Houston Attorneys [ ]

[ ] who regularly furnish legal assistance and guidance to members of the PYA at Houston. [ ] stated this group spent approximately one hour in the offices of these attorneys, and that several members of the group later visited the offices of the PYA located in the 2200 block of Dowling Street.

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[ ] mentioned above, advised on August 11, 1961, that three members of the above group, including two Negro members of the PYA at Houston, proceeded to the Union Station at 11:55 AM on August 11, 1961, and purchased seven one way tickets for travel by Missouri Pacific Railroad from Houston, Texas, to DeQuincy, Louisiana. [ ] was informed that these were the cheapest tickets which could be purchased at Houston, Texas, for interstate rail travel.

Detective [ ] mentioned above, advised on August 11, 1961, that a group of Negro and white persons arrived at the Union Station at 1:48 PM on August 11, 1961, and entered the restaurant at the Union Station where they took seats. [ ] stated there was considerable confusion resulting from various members of this group entering and leaving the restaurant to make purchases in the lobby, but it appeared to him that this group consisted of approximately twelve "Freedom Riders" from California and four or more individuals from Houston who were members of the PYA. [ ] stated that [ ] of the Union Station Restaurant, declined to serve this group and requested that they leave. When this group refused to leave the restaurant, [ ] left the restaurant and announced he was going to the Houston Police Department and attempt to obtain arrest warrants.

[ ] mentioned above, reported on August 11, 1961, that [ ] later returned to this restaurant and stated he had been unable to obtain arrest warrants through the Houston Police Department or the Corporation Court but that he had proceeded to the Harris County Court House and had obtained warrants from the office of a Justice of the Peace, charging the sit-in demonstrators with unlawful assembly.

[ ] reported two uniformed police officers arrived at this restaurant at approximately 3:00 PM on August 11, 1961, and talked briefly with each of the

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sit-in demonstrators, obtaining their identities, and observed railway tickets in their possession. All of these demonstrators were then placed under arrest, were escorted to police vehicles and left the Union Station at approximately 3:35 PM.

[ ] stated that during the entire time this group of demonstrators was in the Union Station there appeared to be no threat of violence or any disturbance of any sort and the activities in the station appeared to be normal for that time of day. The arrested persons left the station quietly but began singing as they were driven away from the station.

On August 12, 1961, Detective [ ] reported that an examination of Identification Bureau records at the Houston Police Department on August 12, 1961, disclosed that a total of 18 persons were actually arrested at Union Station, Houston, Texas, on August 11, 1961. He stated that eleven of these individuals were "Freedom Riders" from California and seven were Houston members of the PYA. [ ] pointed out the seven railway tickets which had been purchased for travel between Houston and DeQuincy, Louisiana, mentioned above, were apparently for use of the seven Houston members of this group inasmuch as the travelers from California reportedly held return tickets from Houston to Los Angeles.

On August 12, 1961, Harris County Assistant Chief Deputy Sheriff [ ] confirmed that the above group of 18 individuals had been brought to the Harris County Jail after having been initially processed at the Houston, Texas, Police Department. [ ] stated that all members of the above group remained in jail and declined to seek release on bail. [ ] stated the date of the trial of these individuals had not been announced.

The following identifying information concerning the 18 individuals arrested on August 11, 1961, was furnished by Detective [ ] from a review of the records

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of the Identification Division, Houston Police Department,  
on August 12, 1961, and August 15, 1961. Bass stated that  
each of these individuals was arrested on a charge of  
unlawful assembly:

Born	
	Texas

Robert Paul ~~Kaufman~~  
White male  
Born January 28, 1938,  
New York, New York  
Residence 2734 Haste,  
Berkeley, California

*ROBERT KAUFMAN*  
*TEXAS.*

Born	
	Mississippi

*TEXAS.*

*LA.*

Born	
	Louisiana

*TEXAS.*

Born	
	Massachusetts

*TEXAS.*

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Born

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New York

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TEXAS.  
LA.

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Born

Texas

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Born

Texas

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Born

Texas

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Robert Earl Jones  
Negro male  
Born January 19, 1930,  
Chappel Hill, Texas  
Residence 2520 Staples,  
Houston, Texas

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Born

Texas

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Born

Texas

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Born	
	Texas

[redacted] pointed out that a review of the above data disclosed the California group consisted of four white males, three white females, three Negro males, and one Negro female, while the Houston group consisted of four Negro males and three Negro females. He stated that all members of the Houston group had been identified previously through their activities as members of PYA.

On August 12, 1961, an article appeared in "The Houston Post" captioned "Eleven Freedom Riders Arrested at Station." This article identified the spokesman for the California group as Robert Kaufman, 23, of Berkeley, California. Kaufman was reported to have stated his group was sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality and the activities of his group were "a definite attempt to test integration in Houston." Kaufman stated his California group held round trip tickets from Los Angeles to Houston and return. This article further reported that all 18 of these arrested persons went to jail rather than post bonds of \$500.00 each. Kaufman stated that his group would not post bonds and would serve out any sentence. All of the demonstrators were identified in this article as students. Kaufman related that his group had visited the PYA before going to the Union Station restaurant.

The above article further reported that two weeks previously Mayor Lewis Cutrer of Houston had met with Negro attorneys and announced that no legitimate travelers would be arrested in the Union Station Restaurant unless warrants were sworn out against them. This article reported that the Houston City Attorney had held that the restaurant

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could not legally refuse service to any interstate traveler. This article also reported Assistant Police Chief [ ] [ ] had stated that his officers were only executing warrants in arresting the above travelers and that the police department at Houston would not file charges on people in interstate travel.

On August 14, 1961, "The Houston Post" carried an article captioned "Four Riders Out on Bond After Fight." This article reported that four white California "Freedom Riders" who were part of the 18 persons arrested for Unlawful Assembly on August 11, 1961, were released on bond from Harris County Jail on the evening of August 13, 1961. These four individuals stated they had been beaten by other jail prisoners and desired their release to prevent further beatings.

This article reported the "Freedom Riders" were visited at the jail on August 13, 1961, by George Washington, Jr., one of their attorneys. After learning of the alleged beatings, Washington arranged for bonds of \$500.00 each to be posted for the following four individuals:

Robert Kaufman, 23, Berkeley, California, described as the spokesman for the group; Steven E. McNichols, 22, Los Angeles, California; Joseph M. Stevenson, 18, Hollywood, California; and Stephen H. Sanfield, 24, Hollywood, California.

This article pointed out the four who were released on bond were the only white men in the group from California. It was reported that none of the 14 persons who remained in jail had complained of trouble with other prisoners. The three white women from California reportedly stated that they had been treated well.

This article further reported that Captain W. L. Bond, Jailer, had observed a cut on Kaufman's head and was advised by Kaufman this had resulted from a fall against a table. Kaufman acknowledged that he had made this explanation to the jailer.



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On August 14, 1961, Detective [redacted] Special Investigator for Office of Chief of Police, Houston, Texas, stated that no date for the trial of persons arrested in connection with this matter had been set, but that the Harris County Courts were very crowded and he expected there would be an appreciable delay before they were tried.

On August 15, 1961, "The Houston Post" carried an article captioned "Two Sides Agree Case of Four Freedom Riders Closed." This article reported that Attorney George Washington, Jr., had agreed with officers of the Sheriff's Department on August 14, 1961, that the alleged beating of four California "Freedom Riders" in the County Jail was a closed case. Washington reportedly made inquiries among the 14 remaining prisoners in the jail on Monday, August 14, 1961, and stated none of these individuals had any complaints. Washington was quoted as follows: "We are not disturbed and we are not trying to embarrass the Sheriff's Office. So far as I am concerned the incident is closed."

This article further reported that District Attorney Frank Briscoe stated his office was checking on the legality of the Californians' arrest for unlawful assembly. Briscoe stated he expected to know within about three days whether the charges could be prosecuted.

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Date:

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RE: Houston airtel to Bureau dated 8-12-61.

The "Houston Post" newspaper, dated 8-14-61, carried an article captioned "Four Riders Out On Bond After Fight." This article reported that four white California "Freedom Riders", who were part of the 18 persons arrested for Unlawful Assembly on 8-11-61, were released on bond from Harris County Jail on Sunday night, 8-13-61. These four individuals stated they had been beaten by other jail prisoners and desired their release to prevent further beatings.

This article reported the "Freedom Riders" were visited at the jail on 8-13-61, by GEORGE WASHINGTON, JR., one of their attorneys. After learning of the alleged beatings, WASHINGTON arranged for bonds of \$500 each to be posted for the following four individuals:

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ROBERT KAUFMAN, 23, Berkley, California, described as the spokesman for the group; STEVEN E. McNICHOLS, 22,

B. APPROX.

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Los Angeles, California; JOSEPH M. STEVENSON, 18, Hollywood, California; and STEPHEN H. SANFIELD, 24, Hollywood, California.

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This article pointed out the four who were released on bond were the only white men in the group from California. It was reported that none of the 14 persons who remained in Jail had experienced any trouble with other prisoners. The three white women from California reportedly stated that they had been treated well.

This article further reported that Captain W. L. BOND, Jailer, had observed a cut on KAUFMAN's head and was advised by KAUFMAN that it had resulted from a fall against a table. KAUFMAN acknowledged that he had made this explanation to the jailer.

On 8-14-61, Detective [redacted] Special Investigator for Office of Chief of Police, Houston, Texas, stated that no date for the trial of persons arrested in connection with this matter had been set, but that the Harris County Courts were very crowded and he expected there would be an appreciable delay before they were tried.

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The Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised of further developments.

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Miss Gandy	_____

**FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC**

**URGENT 8-16-61 7-09PM EDST JFB**

**TO DIRECTOR /100-225892/ AND SAC NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD**

**NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON**

**FROM SAC RICHMOND /157-231/ 1P**

**FREEBUS, RM. RE MYTEL AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT. CHARTERED  
GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER SIX EIGHT FIVE TWO ARRIVED HARRISONBURG,  
VA.. THREE P.M., DST TODAY AND DEPARTED FOUR THIRTY P.M., DST  
ENROUTE WASHINGTON, D.C. FREEDOM RIDERS SERVED MEAL AT GREY-  
HOUND FACILITIES, HARRISONBURG, VA., WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO  
OTHER INCIDENTS HARRISONBURG, VA.**

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-263)**

**SUBJECT: FREEBUS**

Re Newark airtel to the Bureau, dated August 3, 1961, containing letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed are eight copies for the Bureau, two copies for New Orleans and one information copy for Newark of a letterhead memorandum. One copy is being sent to Newark for information in view of the fact that [redacted] was previously employed by the Westfield, New Jersey, [redacted]

It is noted that the Cromwell City Directory, Cromwell, Connecticut, and the Credit Bureau of Central Connecticut, Meriden, Connecticut, reflect the name [redacted] as having an "E" on the end of it.

Newark indices reflect no information identifiable with [redacted]

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**3 - Bureau (ENCL - 8)**  
**2 - New Orleans (ENCL - 2) (157-351)**  
**1 - Newark (ENCL - 1) (157-628) (INFO)**  
**1 - New Haven**  
**WHB:mvy**  
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Agency *Lyndon B. Johnson*  
 Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Forw. *8-15-61*  
 How Forw. *R-5*  
 By *J. J. Galt*  
*1000 g. unit*  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven 10, Connecticut

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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
JULY 21, 1961

[redacted]  
On August 9, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau  
of Central Connecticut, Meriden, Connecticut, advised  
that her records reflect [redacted] is  
[redacted] who reside at [redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut. They previously resided [redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut. [redacted] is employed  
as a [redacted]  
[redacted] and was previously employed as an [redacted]  
at [redacted] in Hartford, Connecticut.  
[redacted] is employed as a [redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut.  
A daughter was born to [redacted]  
[redacted] and another daughter on [redacted]  
[redacted] have been known in the credit files  
since 1935 and their credit rating is very good.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Connecticut, is a graduate of Middletown High  
School, Middletown, Connecticut, [redacted]  
[redacted] and as of [redacted]  
was a freshman at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.  
She stated this is the only information available on [redacted]  
[redacted] and there is no credit rating.

On August 9, 1961, [redacted] Identifi-  
cation Division, Connecticut State Police, Hartford, Conn-

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ecticut, advised she could locate no record identifiable with [REDACTED] The Connecticut State Police covers the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 9, 1961

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (149-42)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, GREYHOUND BUS,  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 16, 1961

RM; CR

ORIGIN: NEW ORLEANS

Re: New Orleans airtel to the Bureau dated 7/19/61.

There is enclosed herewith eight copies of a letter-  
head memorandum for the Bureau and one copy for the  
New Orleans Office reflecting investigation conducted  
by SA [redacted] at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The New Haven indices contain no information identifi-  
able with [redacted]

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(149-42)

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Agency N. H. on airtel  
Req. Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Forw. 8-15-61  
How Forw. R-5  
By JE: gpt

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven 10, Connecticut

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, GREYHOUND  
BUS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 16,  
1961

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

On July 26, 1961, [redacted] University  
of Bridgeport, 285 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut,  
advised that [redacted] enrolled in the fall of  
1959, completed one semester, and withdrew during the second  
semester without reason sometime during the spring of 1960.  
The exact dates of enrollment or withdrawal were not reflected  
in these records.

CONN,

At the time he enrolled, and at the time he withdrew, his  
residence was listed as [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

On July 26, 1961, [redacted] Bridgeport Credit  
Rating Bureau, 177 State Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut,  
advised that a search of her files failed to reflect any  
information identifiable with [redacted]

On July 31, 1961, Officer [redacted] Bridgeport,  
Connecticut, Police Department, advised that a search of his  
files failed to reflect any information identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/9/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/5 - 26/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Terminal Jackson, Mississippi, July 5, 1961</b>  <i>Freedom Riders - M.C.</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

## REFERENCES

New Orleans phone call to Bureau, 7/5/61.

New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 7/5/61.

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## LEADS

**NEW ORLEANS DIVISION**

**AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders

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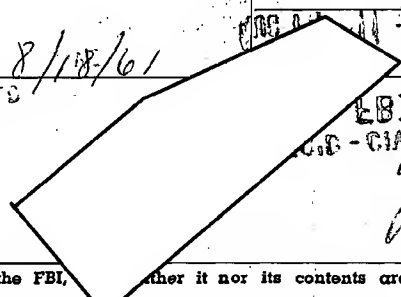
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/9/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-325

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 5, 1961Character: RACIAL MATTERS;  
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Synopsis:

Three Freedom Riders, identified in details in report, entered Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss., at 2:00 PM, 7/5/61. All arrested by Jackson PD when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD Officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/7/61 and, after NG pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Were sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. All transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61. One released on \$500 cash appeal bond 7/25/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from [redacted] Jackson non-Violent Movement, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 5, 1961. She advised that in about ten minutes three Negro male Freedom Riders from Jackson would enter the white waiting room of the Trailways Bus Terminal at Jackson and attempt to purchase bus tickets.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi.

7/17/61

Date

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that at 2:00 PM, July 5, 1961, three Negro males entered the front door of the white waiting room of the Trailways Bus Terminal. Captain [ ] of the Police Department, who was at the terminal, approached the three individuals and ordered them to move on. They told him they intended to purchase bus tickets. Captain [ ] again ordered them to move on and, when they refused to do so, he placed them under arrest on a charge of Breach of the Peace. They were escorted to a patrol car, brought to the City Jail, and booked.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information concerning those arrested from Police Department records:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:

7/5/61  
Breach of the Peace

Mississippi

Student, Lanier High School

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On 7/5/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-325  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/11/61

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Education:  
Prior arrests:  
Comments:

11th grade  
None admitted  
Member of NAACP

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:

7/5/61  
Branch of the Peace

Mississippi

Student, Lanier High School

Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

11th grade  
Jackson PD 6/29/56,

Jackson PD 5/7/60,

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/5/61 (2:10 PM)  
Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

[Redacted]

Mississippi

[Redacted]

Student, Lanier High School

[Redacted]

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

11th grade  
None admitted; however, PD records  
reflect Jackson PD, arrest

[Redacted]

Date 7/19/61

Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961:

[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney [redacted] Jackson. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to [redacted] all of the above defendants were transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-325

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/13/61



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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals, confined to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, were transferred to Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



On July 26, 1961, [redacted] Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond on the night of July 25, 1961.

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Mr. Sullivan	
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URGENT 8-20-61 4-08 PM CST LM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUG. TWENTY.

NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE EIGHT NINETEENTH SUMMARY.

TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND TWO THREE

SIX. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED

ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RE-

LEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN CUSTODY FIFTY. ALL

FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAILS.

END AND ACK PLS

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URGENT 8-18-61 7-09

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, HOUSTON /44-786/

FREEBUS. <sup>MISS.</sup> HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF- S OFFICE ADVISED TWO ZERO  
FIVE PM THIS DATE APPROXIMATELY TEN NEGROES IDENTIFIED AS  
MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION AND BELIEVED TO  
BE STUDENTS AT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY APPEARED AT HARRIS  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND BEGAN PICKETING. GROUP CARRIED SIGNS  
STATING QUOTE FRANK BRISCOE DOES NOT KNOW LAW, AND ICC  
LAWYERS DO. END QUOTE. THIS APPARENTLY RELATED TO ANNOUNCE-  
MENT BY STATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK BRISCOE, PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED, THAT HE WOULD ANNOUNCE DECISION AUGUST EIGHTEENTH  
INSTANT REGARDING POSSIBLE PROSECUTION OF QUOTE FREEDOM  
RIDERS END QUOTE NOW IN HARRIS COUNTY JAIL. PICKETS  
REMAINED ONLY TWENTY MINUTES AND LEFT WITHOUT DISTURBANCE.

AS PICKETS LEFT THEY WERE RECIPIENTS OF JEERS FROM JAIL  
INMATES <sup>1025</sup> LOOKING OUT WINDOWS OF COUNTY JAIL. DECISION OF  
DA BRISCOE NOT ANNOUNCED. CIC AND HOUSTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT <sup>EDT</sup> WERE ADVISED. LA ADVISED AM.

END AND ACK PLS

WA 9-13 PM OK FBI WA RAG

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen ✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan ✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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To: SAC, Houston (44-786)

From: Director, FBI 157-387-9

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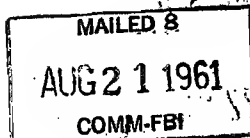
Furnish pertinent information contained in retel in  
letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

Negroes believed to be students at Texas Southern  
University picketed Harris County Courthouse 8-18-61 concerning  
possible prosecution of "Freedom Riders" presently in Harris  
County Jail.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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URGENT 8-21-61 4-53 PM WFM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM AUG. TWENTY ONE.  
NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. TWENTY SUMMARY. TOTAL  
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COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL. 157-387-936

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-232)

SUBJECT : FREE BUS  
RACIAL MATTERS  
POSSIBLE BOMBING MATTER  
FREEDOM RIDERS - Misc.

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau and  
New Orleans 8/13/61.

Enclosed are eight copies of letterhead  
memorandum concerning matter set forth in retel.

[redacted] 111th CIC,  
Ft. McPherson, Ga., was notified of the threat at  
11:38 a.m. by SPC [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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THREAT TO FREEDOM RIDERS RETURNING  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
AUGUST 13, 1961  
POSSIBLE THREAT TO BOMB

At approximately 7:45 a.m., on August 13, 1961,

[redacted]  
Georgia, received a telephone call from an unknown individual, who stated "If [redacted] are on that plane today they will be sorry". [redacted] is [redacted] and is a [redacted] who had previously ridden to Jackson, Mississippi, as a Freedom Rider. [redacted] is also one of the Freedom Riders who had previously gone to Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] were scheduled to return to Jackson, Mississippi, August 13, 1961, on Delta Airlines Flight 711 leaving Atlanta at 4:00 p.m., August 13, 1961, to appear for trial in Jackson on August 14, 1961.

The Atlanta Police Department was advised of the receipt of the telephone call by [redacted]. The Atlanta Police Department advised Officer [redacted] of the Atlanta Airport Patrol of the telephone call. [redacted] advised Delta Airlines.

[redacted] Delta Airlines, stated he considered the call a possible threat to bomb Delta Flight 711.

[redacted] and other Delta Airline employees conducted a search of all luggage on Delta Flight 711, and no one other than Delta employees were permitted near the plane prior to a search of passengers luggage. [redacted] stated no explosive was found in the search of passengers luggage, and Flight 711 departed Atlanta at 4:00 p.m. on schedule. He stated that [redacted]

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RE: THREAT TO FREEDOM RIDERS  
RETURNING TO JACKSON, MISS.  
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and [ ] were on the plane when it left.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/14/61

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-250)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
TRAILWAYS BUS,  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 2, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: New Orleans)

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FREEDOM RIDERS Misc

Reference report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, New Orleans,  
8/4/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting investigation at Durham, N. C. conducted by SA [REDACTED]. Two copies of letterhead memorandum are being furnished the New Orleans office as enclosures.

A check of the Charlotte office indices concerning [REDACTED] was negative.

On 8/9/61, an anonymous telephone call was made to the Duke University Student Information Desk. It was determined through this call that [REDACTED] home address, [REDACTED] Michigan, had been accepted for admission to the Duke University Divinity School commencing in September 1961.

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1 - Charlotte (157-250)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
August 14, 1961

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RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
Trailways Bus,  
Montgomery, Alabama, to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 2, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

On August 9, 1961 [redacted]  
Records Section, Durham, North Carolina, Police Department,  
and [redacted] Merchants Association of Durham,  
Durham, North Carolina, advised they were unable to locate  
any record for [redacted] in their respective  
identification and credit records.

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Date: 8-17-61

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-363)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
SHREVEPORT, LA., TO  
JACKSON, MISS., 8-4-61  
RM - CR

Re New Orleans airtel, 8-16-61.

Enclosed are eight (8) copies of  
a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

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Agency Howe  
Req. Rec'd 8-22-61  
Date Forw. 8-22-61  
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By Howe

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C. C. Wick

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 8-4-61.

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Chief of Police, Harvey Teasley, Shreveport,  
Louisiana, advised on August 11, 1961 that [redacted]

[redacted] were released on \$150.00 bond each on August 10,  
1961.

Chief Teasley stated that the above persons,  
along with [redacted] were  
arraigned in District Court, Shreveport, Louisiana on  
August 11, 1961, at which time all six persons entered  
pleas of not guilty. The trial was set for August 18,  
1961 and all six persons were continued on bond.

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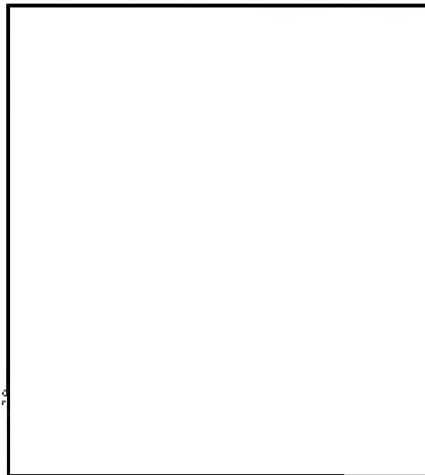
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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-264~~)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS

On 8/16/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Miss. advised that the following FR prisoners were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond on 8/16/61. Their bonds are all returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Miss. on 10/9/61:



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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-363)

RE: <sup>D</sup>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
SHREVEPORT, LA., TO  
JACKSON, MISS., 8/4/61  
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Enclosed are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth info received from [redacted] whose identity should be concealed.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

August 16, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 8/4/61

A confidential source advised on August 10, 1961, that [redacted] posted \$150 bond for each of four persons arrested by local authorities in Shreveport at the Trailways Bus Center when attempting to integrate the facilities there. He said that [redacted] were released from the Caddo Parish Jail on August 10, 1961. [redacted] advised the source that CORE had offered financial assistance in the case but did not advise him whether bond money had been secured from that organization. L A.

On August 10, 1961, Judge Robert J. O'Neal, First District Court, Caddo Parish, denied a motion requesting a Bill of Particulars for the defendants and took the motion to dismiss the charges under advisement and will rule on August 11, 1961.

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b7DTO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-225892~~)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)

SUBJECT: D  
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[redacted] Nashville Christian Leadership Council, Nashville, Tennessee, advised today that so far as she knows, there will be no additional freedom rider groups going from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi, for some time. She stated that the only groups that will be going down to Jackson will be those individuals who are returning to Jackson for trial. She advised that insofar as groups leaving Nashville is concerned, there are no plans for the formation of additional groups to go to Jackson to test facilities at any time in the near future and that attempts are being made to have a meeting of the Student Central Committee to discuss the question of whether there will be additional action in this line.

## LEADS:

Offices receiving copies of this airtel will contact sources of information in their respective divisions to ascertain if there are plans for additional freedom rider groups to go to Jackson or if this particular activity is being discontinued.

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*Freedom Riders - Jacksonville 8/21/61*

URGENT 8/21/61 7-43 PM EST MHM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-250/ 2P

"FREEBUS" RM, CORE RM. REMYAIRTEL AUGUST THREE, LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WENT ON TRIAL TODAY, MARION COUNTY COURT,  
OCALA, FLA. JUDGE LEWIS O. MYERS PRESIDING ON CHARGE "UNLAWFUL  
ASSEMBLY." THIS CASE NOT EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED UNTIL  
AUGUST TWENTY TWO, NEXT. JUDGE MYERS WITHHELD DECISION ON  
MOTION TO QUASH CHARGE OF FAILURE TO OBEY AN OFFICER AGAINST  
FREEDOM RIDERS [REDACTED] FLA

[REDACTED] A FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE FOLLOWING  
A FINAL DISPOSITION OF AN APPEAL OF CONVICTION IN COUNTY COURT  
ON UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY AGAINST [REDACTED] IF THE APPEAL  
IS GRANTED ON THE BASIS THERE WAS UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY, JUDGE  
MYERS INDICATED HE WOULD NOT DISMISS THE FAILURE TO OBEY  
CHARGES. HOWEVER IF THE APPEAL SHOULD BE UP HELD ON OTHER  
GROUNDS THEN HE INDICATED HE WOULD QUASH THE CHARGES REQUESTED  
IN A MOTION TODAY BY FREEDOM RIDER-S ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE TRIAL OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON CHARGES "FAILURE TO OBEY AN OFFICER" WILL BE

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. A LETTER HEAD MEMORANDUM WILL BE

SUBMITTED AT CONCLUSION OF [REDACTED] TRIAL NOW IN PROGRESS.

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FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-231)

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RACIAL MATTERS

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*Miscellaneous*

Re Richmond teletypes to Director, 8/12 and 16/61.

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a letterhead memorandum pertaining to the captioned matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Richmond, Virginia

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RE: FREE BUS

On August 12, 1961, Captain [redacted] Roanoke Police Department, Roanoke, Virginia, was informed that a Greyhound bus carrying approximately thirty-seven "Freedom Riders" would arrive in Roanoke, Virginia, at approximately 3 P.M. for a rest stop and possibly transfer to another bus. He was informed that it was Greyhound bus No. 6278 and operated by [redacted]

On August 12, 1961, Detective [redacted] Roanoke Police Department, Roanoke, Virginia, informed that bus No. 6278, Greyhound, arrived at the Greyhound Terminal, Roanoke, Virginia, at approximately 3 P.M. on August 12, 1961. He stated a mixed group from the bus entered the terminal dining room and were served, but they ate very little of the food. He advised the bus departed Roanoke, Virginia, en route to Knoxville, Tennessee, via Highway 11 at 3:15 P.M. He stated no incident took place in Roanoke, Virginia, and no one paid any attention to the occupants.

On August 12, 1961, [redacted] Greyhound Bus Terminal, Roanoke, Virginia, informed that Greyhound bus 6278 arrived in Roanoke, Virginia, at 3 P.M. from Washington, D.C. The bus then departed the Roanoke Terminal at approximately 3:15 P.M. en route to Knoxville, Tennessee, via Wytheville and Bristol, Virginia, traveling Highway 11 West. He stated the bus would arrive in Knoxville, Tennessee, approximately six hours or so after departure from Roanoke, Virginia.

On August 12, 1961, Officer [redacted] Bristol Police Department, Bristol, Virginia, advised that the above bus arrived in Bristol, Virginia, and departed without any incident.

On August 16, 1961, Major [redacted] Roanoke Police Department, Roanoke, Virginia, informed instant group returned to Roanoke, Virginia, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, via Greyhound bus on August 16, 1961 and departed Roanoke, Virginia, without incident.

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RE: FREE BUS

On August 16, 1961, [redacted] Greyhound Bus Terminal, Roanoke, Virginia, informed instant group arrived on Greyhound bus No. 6852 at the Roanoke Terminal at 11:15 A.M., DST, and departed without leaving the bus at 11:30 A.M., DST. He stated they would stop for lunch in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at approximately 2:30 P.M., DST, and arrive in Washington, D.C., at 5:20 P.M., DST. He further stated that [redacted] was the operator of the bus.

On August 16, 1961, Officer [redacted] Harrisonburg Police Department, Harrisonburg, Virginia, advised the instant Greyhound bus arrived Harrisonburg, Virginia, at 3 P.M., DST, August 16, 1961, and departed 4:30 P.M., DST, en route to Washington, D.C., and there were no incidents in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

On August 16, 1961, [redacted] Greyhound Bus Terminal, Harrisonburg, Virginia, advised the "Freedom Riders" in the above chartered bus on August 16, 1961, were served food at the Greyhound facilities Harrisonburg, Virginia, without incident, and they departed Harrisonburg, en route to Washington, D.C., without incident.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/11/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/20 - 25/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDERS 1961</b> <b>Greyhound Bus</b> <b>Nashville, Tennessee to</b> <b>Jackson, Mississippi</b> <b>July 21, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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## REFERENCES

- Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 7/20/61.
- Memphis teletypes to Bureau, 7/20 & 21/61.
- New Orleans teletypes to Bureau, 7/21/61.

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## LEADS

By copy of New Orleans teletype to Bureau 7/21/61, the Baltimore, Milwaukee, Newark and New York Offices were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders and furnish Bureau results of investigation.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

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Report of:

SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

Office:

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8/11/61

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Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus  
Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 21, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Synopsis:

4 Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Greyhound Bus at 9:29 AM, 7/21/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Greyhound Bus Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/21/61 and, after NG pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/25/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Memphis Office of the FBI. By communication dated July 20, 1961, the Memphis Office advised that four Freedom Riders left Nashville, Tennessee, at 5:25 PM, July 20, 1961, via Greyhound Bus and were scheduled to arrive Jackson, Mississippi, 5:30 AM, July 21, 1961.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 20, 1961:



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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] Administrative Assistant, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

Date 3/1/61

The following observations were made at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 21, 1961:

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At 9:29 AM, Greyhound Bus #4533 arrived. A group consisting of two white males and two white females got off this bus and walked directly into the colored waiting room of the terminal. Three in the group walked to the lunch counter and sat down. One white female stopped at the drinking fountain in the colored waiting room and then joined the others at the lunch counter. Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, approached the group and was observed to speak to them. Shortly thereafter, the four individuals were escorted from the colored waiting room by Captain [redacted] and other officers to a police squad car which was parked nearby. There were no incidents in connection with the above reported matter.

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On 7/21/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-351  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/26/61

Date 7/26/61

The following observations were made at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, North Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 21, 1961:

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Greyhound Bus #4533 arrived at the loading platform at 9:29 AM and parked at the extreme east end of this platform in the first parking space.

At 9:31 AM, two white males and two white females were observed to depart from this bus onto the loading platform. At 9:32 AM, one white male, followed by the two white females, who were in turn followed by the second white male, walked directly from the loading platform near the door of bus #4533 into the colored waiting room. Two unidentified uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department were then present in the colored waiting room and Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, followed the above four individuals into the colored waiting room. The above four individuals took seats at the lunch counter, located inside the colored waiting room, at which time Captain [redacted] spoke to these individuals. The door leading from the loading platform to the colored waiting room was then closed and Captain [redacted] words could not be heard by this agent. At 9:33 AM, the above four individuals, accompanied by Captain [redacted] and the two uniformed officers described above, walked from the colored waiting room to a Jackson Police Department Squad Car and after entering this car the above four individuals were driven off.

The above four individuals were not searched or handcuffed and there were no incidents of any kind in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/21/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-351  
by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 7/21/61

Date 7/26/61

Captain [ ] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 9:33 AM, on July 21, 1961, by Captain [ ] advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by bus from Nashville, Tennessee. They had entered the colored waiting room of the bus terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the orders of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace, and transported to the city jail where they were booked. [ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

[ ] furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

Charge:

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

7/21/61

Breach of Peace

N. Y. C.

Student, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wisconsin

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On 7/21/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-351

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/21/61

NO 157-351

Father:

Mother:

Education:

2 years college

Prior arrests:

None

Comments:

Admits picketing Madison,  
Wisconsin, 1960-61

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Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/21/61

Charge:

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Race:

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Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Connecticut

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

None

Comments:

Admits picketing Nashville,  
Tennessee, 1961, peace walk,  
N. Y. C., 1961

NO 157-351

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Date of arrest:

7/21/61

Charge:

Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

[Redacted]

Maryland

Student, St. Johns College,  
Maryland

Marital status:  
Father:

[Redacted]

Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:  
Comments:

1 1/2 yrs. college

None

Admits picketing NYC, 1960;  
picketing Baltimore 1961

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:

[Redacted]

7/21/61

Breach of Peace

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

*Admits*

NO 157-351

Birth data:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Prior arrests:  
Comments:

4 years college and 2 yrs.  
graduate work, Brooklyn College,  
N. Y., University of  
Connecticut, N. Y.

None  
Picketed Nashville, Tennessee,  
1961

7/26/61

Date

Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 21, 1961:



[redacted] stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to [redacted] some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions in the County Jail.

[redacted] advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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On 7/21/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-351  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/21/61



NO 157-351

On July 25, 1961, Deputy [redacted]  
Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi,  
advised that the Freedom Riders arrested at the Greyhound  
Bus Station at 9:33 AM, July 21, 1961, were all transferred  
from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi  
State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 25, 1961.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: AUG 16 1961

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
 Trailways Bus  
 Montgomery, Alabama to  
 Jackson, Mississippi  
 July 2, 1961  
 RM; CR

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON, dated 8/4/61, at  
 New Orleans.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a  
 letterhead memo setting forth information concerning the [redacted]  
 [redacted] Santa Clara, California, who was one of five freedom  
 riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 7/2/61, charged  
 with breach of the peace.

In accordance with instructions set forth in re report,  
 two copies of the letterhead memo are being furnished the New  
 Orleans Office.

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 DATE 1-22-90 BY SP1 KCG/m

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 2, 1961

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On July 2, 1961, Chief of Detectives M.B. PIERCE,  
Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that  
[redacted] California,  
[redacted] was arrested with four other individuals on a  
charge of breach of the peace at the Continental Trailways Bus  
Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

According to Chief PIERCE, [redacted] and the other  
individuals were arrested by Captain [redacted] Jackson,  
Mississippi Police Department, following their arrival on a  
Trailways Bus, and after entering the white waiting room at the  
bus terminal. The arrests were made when these individuals  
failed to obey the orders of Captain [redacted] to move on.

Chief PIERCE advised that [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] Arkansas, had indicated [redacted]  
that he was a student at San Jose City College, San Jose, Calif-  
ornia, which institution he had attended for one year.

On July 3, 1961 Chief PIERCE advised that [redacted]  
together with four other individuals, was tried in Municipal  
Court, Jackson, Mississippi, that they were charged with  
violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code and that  
they each entered plea of not guilty through their attorney.

According to [redacted] all defendants were convicted  
and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

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PIERCE indicated that some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their sentences, and some would be housed in the Jackson, City Jail, because of crowded facilities.

On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. RALPH GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] had been transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, from Jackson, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.

On August 9, 1961 records of the Credit Bureau of Santa Clara Valley, 222 South 2nd Street, San Jose, California, disclosed a file concerning [redacted] indicating that this individual has been in the Credit Bureau files since December 1959. A credit history information form executed by [redacted] December 11, 1959 set forth that [redacted] at that time, was a resident at [redacted] and that this residence had been established for a period of four months.

The information further indicated a prior residence of [redacted] California, for a period of four months and a residence at [redacted] for a period of six months.

The information sheet indicated that [redacted] was then employed as [redacted] and had been so employed for a period of six months. Prior employments were indicated as [redacted] for four months [redacted] as a parttime employee.

The Credit Bureau records disclose that [redacted] possesses [redacted] the Credit Bureau on [redacted] amounting to [redacted] The Credit Bureau record indicated that [redacted] the Credit Bureau was [redacted] [redacted] Credit Bureau, Santa Clara Valley, advised on August 9, 1961, that [redacted]

On August 9, 1961 [redacted] Policewoman, San Jose, California Police Department, Identification Division, and Officer

[redacted] Santa Clara, California Police Department, advised that their respective departments contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

A review of the files of the San Francisco Division, FBI, on August 10, 1961, disclosed no information identifiable with [redacted] except for a newspaper clipping from the Red Street edition, Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1961, dateline Jackson, Mississippi, July 3, wherein it was set forth that [redacted] [redacted] California student, was one of a number of individuals expected to go on trial following their arrest on breach of peace charges at Jackson, Mississippi.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
AUG 21 1961

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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 8-21-61 8-36 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-NEW 1-P

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PC  
~~Freedom Riders - Misc~~  
FREEBUS. RE MY TEL TODAY. CHIEF OF DETECTIVES M. B. PIERCE, JACKSON,MISS., PD ADVISED TONIGHT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INFO FROM VERY RELIABLE  
SOURCE THAT THE TWO ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS PLANNING TO TEST FACILITIES  
JACKSON BUS TERMINAL HAVE CHANGED PLANS AND WOULD NOT COME TO JACKSON.A. P. SOURCE JACKSON ADVISED TONIGHT THAT A. P. IN ATLANTA REPORTS  
THE TWO PRIESTS ARRIVED ATLANTA WHERE THEY RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM  
SOMEONE IN BALTIMORE, MD. THE PRIESTS THEN DEPARTED ATLANTA FOR  
BALTIMORE PRESUMABLY BY AIR. NEW ORLEANS WILL ADVISE ONLY IN EVENT  
ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER.

END AND ACK PLS.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/21/61

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (157-631)

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 2, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 8/4/61  
at New Orleans.

Enclosed are eight copies for the Bureau and  
two copies for New Orleans of a letterhead memorandum  
regarding the above captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey  
August 21, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 2, 1961

On August 11, 1961, [redacted]  
the Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, New Jersey advised  
that her records reflect no reference to [redacted]

[redacted] N. J.

On August 11, 1961, [redacted] Court Clerk,  
Englewood, N. J. advised that the records of the Englewood,  
N. J. Police Department reflect no reference to [redacted]

The September 11, 1958 issue of the "Pittsburgh  
Post Gazette" reflects an article captioned "Ex-Chatham  
Instructor to Make Russian Tour". This article reflects that  
among four American composers going to Russia during September,  
1958, as part of the State Department's cultural exchange program  
was Ulysses Kay of Broadcast Music, Incorporated, New York.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/21/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45748)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 7/16/61  
RM; CR

*FREEDOM RIDE*  
*misc*

Re New Orleans airtel 7/19/61.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted]

The allegation that [redacted] was made by [redacted]. The investigation (PH 47-4181), including the interview of [redacted] was conducted by SA [redacted]. In view of [redacted] denial of the allegation and the fact that he obtained nothing of value, [redacted] was admonished and the case was closed.

The records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau and the Philadelphia Police Department were checked by IC [redacted]

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BY: *Ref. Jan.*

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 100-45748

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
August 21, 1961

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On July 16, 1961, officers of the Jackson Police Department arrested a number of Freedom Riders, who were attempting to integrate the Negro waiting room at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss. One of those arrested was described as follows:

Name:  
Address:

Race:  
Sex:  
Date of Birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Occupation:



Ohio

member  
Emanuel Inst. Baptist Church

Admits picketing and racial demonstrations at St. Augustine, Tallahassee, St. Petersburg, and Miami, Fla., Savannah, Ga., and Norfolk, Va. Member NAACP and CORE.

The files of the Philadelphia Police Department were checked on July 27, 1961, and no record of [redacted] could be located.

The files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., were checked on July 28, 1961, and a report was located dated February 8, 1961, which apparently refers to captioned individual.

This report indicated that [redacted]

[redacted] had lived at this address for two or three years. It should be noted that this address differs slightly from the one listed above

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[redacted]  
furnished by the Jackson, Miss., Police Department. The Credit Bureau was unable to contact the subject or members of his family to obtain credit information: however, it was recorded that he was [redacted]

[redacted] A credit application stated that he was [redacted] and that he [redacted] Cheyney State College, Cheyney, Pa., was contacted by the Credit Bureau, but no record could be located of his being either a student or teacher at that institution. It was indicated one member of his family was [redacted] but the family relationship was not set out.

On November 2, 1959, an allegation was made that one [redacted] had been [redacted] in Philadelphia and had represented himself [redacted]

[redacted] On November 6, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his records indicated that [redacted]

[redacted] was confined in [redacted] which is [redacted]

On November 6, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] He admitted [redacted]

[redacted] on the evening of November 2, 1959, and said that [redacted] had mentioned that he looked like [redacted] He recalls that he stated that [redacted] however, he denied that [redacted]

The following description was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name:  
NSN:  
Rate:  
Sex:  
Race:

[redacted]

Birth Data:  
Height  
Weight  
Eyes  
Hair  
Build  
Complexion  
Scars and marks

Relatives

	Ohio

It should be noted that the birth date shown above differs from that furnished by the Jackson, Miss., Police Department.

It is not known if the individual mentioned in the files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau Inc. or the individual interviewed by the FBI on 11/6/59 are identical with the individual arrested by the Jackson, Miss., Police Department on 7/16/61.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-232)

RE: FREEBUS  
RACIAL MATTER

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Re New Orleans tel 8/4/61.

Enclosed are eight copies of letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and one each for the designated field offices. No further action Atlanta. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being forwarded G-2, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga.

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- 1 - Memphis (Info) (Enc. 1) (AM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Atlanta, Georgia

August 16, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDERS RETURNING TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
AUGUST 13, 1961

GA. [redacted] CA. MISS.  
[redacted] Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, advised  
on August 12, 1961, there would be nine Freedom Riders re-  
turning to Jackson, Mississippi, from Atlanta, Georgia, to  
stand trial. They were: [redacted]

ALA. GA. MISS.  
[redacted] and one other, whose identity is unknown. They were  
to leave Atlanta on a regularly scheduled Trailways Bus,  
at 1:50 AM, August 13, 1961, via Montgomery, Alabama,  
scheduled to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi at noon, August  
13, 1961. They were to be met at the bus station and trans-  
ported to Tupelo Christian College for room and board.

[redacted] stated there were seven other Freedom Riders who had  
originally been scheduled to leave from Atlanta, who were  
sent to Nashville, Tennessee, to fill out the chartered bus  
(Greyhound) which left Nashville at 10:00 PM August 12, 1961,  
with forty-one persons via Jackson, Tennessee, and Memphis,  
Tennessee, on Highway 70. This bus was to leave from the  
First Baptist Church, Nashville, or from 1905 Jefferson  
Street, rather than from the bus station.

[redacted] said there would be four other Freedom Riders  
leaving Atlanta to report for trial at Jackson, Mississippi,  
by plane. Three of these were to leave Atlanta on Delta  
Flight 711, at 4:05 PM, August 13, 1961, due to arrive at  
Jackson, Mississippi, at 5:07 PM, Central Standard Time.

ALL GA. MISS.  
[redacted] stated these three were [redacted] The fourth person traveling  
by plane from Atlanta was [redacted] CA. MISS.  
who was flying to Jackson by herself, time of departure  
unknown. [redacted] said there would be no attempt to test  
facilities on any of these return rides to Jackson, but were  
being made specifically to stand trial as ordered.

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RE: FREEDOM RIDERS RETURNING  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
AUGUST 13, 1961

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At 3:30 PM, August 12, 1961, Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and Captain [REDACTED]  
Atlanta Police Department, were notified of the above.

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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_ b7D  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 8-21-61 5-36 PM JFA

TO DIRECTOR /10/ AND SACS, NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 157-391

*0* FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

FREEBUS. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL, EIGHT TWENTY ONE, SIXTY ONE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED THIS DATE, THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHILIP E. BERRIGAN AND [REDACTED]

INSTRUCTORS ST. AUGUSTINES HIGH SCHOOL, TWENTY SIX HUNDRED LONDON  
AVE., NEW ORLEANS, LA., ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM IDLEWILD AIRPORT,  
NYC AT FOUR PM, THIS DATE, VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
WITH CONNECTIONS FROM ATLANTA VIA DELTA AIRLINES TO JACKSON, MISS.

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE FOUR PM EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL FIVE PM DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] BERRIGAN AND [REDACTED] WILL BE  
MET AT JACKSON, MISS., AIRPORT BY [REDACTED]  
CORE, JACKSON, MISS., WHO WILL ACCOMPANY [REDACTED] TO THE BUS TERMINAL,  
JACKSON, MISS., WHERE [REDACTED] WILL TEST FACILITIES IN COLORED WAITING  
ROOM. [REDACTED] STATED HE EXPECTED [REDACTED] WILL BE ARRESTED AT BUS  
TERMINAL BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN JACKSON, MISS. [REDACTED] FURTHER  
ADVISED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

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LOUISIANA  
N.Y. GA. MISS.

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[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON THIS DATE, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY  
FURNISHED SAME INFORMATION AS [REDACTED] AND IN ADDITION STATED  
FATHERS BERRIGAN AND [REDACTED] ARE ACTING WITH THE APPROVAL OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BALTIMORE,  
MD. CONTACT WITH EASTERN AIRLINES, NYC, ASCERTAINED FLIGHT NUMBER  
FIVE ZERO THREE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART IDLEWILD AT FOUR  
PM WILL DEPART IDLEWILD AT FIVE PM, THIS DATE AND ARRIVE ATLANTA  
SIX ZERO FIVE PM WITH EARLIEST CONNECTING FLIGHT TO JACKSON,  
MISS. BEING DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN TWO NINE, LEAVING  
ATLANTA EIGHT TEN PM, THIS DATE, ARRIVING JACKSON, MISS., EIGHT  
THIRTY SEVEN PM, THIS DATE.

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URGENT 8/22/61 6-28 PM EST MHM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-250/ 1P

<sup>Racial Matters</sup>  
FREEBUS, RM, CORE, RM. REMYTEL EIGHT TWENTYONE LAST. FREEDOM  
RIDER [REDACTED] ARRESTED SIX SIXTEEN SIXTYONE  
AT OCALA, FLA., ALONG WITH FREEDOM RIDERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOUND GUILTY IN JURY TRIAL TODAY AT MARION  
COUNTY COURT, OCALA, FLA. AND CHARGED ~~QUOTE~~ "UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY"  
~~END QUOTE~~. [REDACTED] SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS FLAT AND FINED  
THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. WILL BE RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR  
BOND PENDING FILING OF AN APPEAL. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

END ACK FOR TWO PLS

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were among the group of "Freedom Riders" on the Second Section-Professional Group en route via Greyhound Bus from Jacksonville, Florida, to Tampa, Florida, on June 16, 1961, were arrested by the Marion County Sheriff's Office at the Greyhound Bus Station, Ocala, Florida. Originally they were charged with failure to obey the lawful order of an officer and attempting to incite a riot. The second charge was subsequently changed to unlawful assembly.

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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Mr. Ingram  
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URGENT 8-22-61 0 6-30 PM CST WW  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.*  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/  
FREEBUS. TRIAL OF [REDACTED] ARRESTED JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST COMMENCED IN HINDS COUNTY  
COURT, JACKSON TODAY. PRESS SOURCES ADVISE MOST OF TODAY  
SPENT IN ARGUING VARIOUS MOTIONS BEFORE COURT. WILLIAM M.  
KUNSTLER, ATTORNEY FOR [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY SEEKING TO QUASH  
JURY LIST ON GROUNDS NOT ENOUGH NEGROES ON LIST TO ASSURE  
FAIR TRIAL. THERE ARE TWO NEGROES ON LIST OF ~~SEVENTY~~ SIXTY  
PROSPECTIVE JURORS. SELECTION OF JURY EXPECTED TO COMMENCE  
TOMORROW. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM AUGUST TWENTYTWO.  
NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUGUST TWENTYONE SUMMARY.  
TOTAL ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED NINETYSEVEN. RELEASED ON BOND  
TWO HUNDRED THIRTYSIX. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY  
ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED  
ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN CUSTODY FIFTY.  
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUSRE: Houston airtel to Bureau, dated  
8/16/61.

On 8/18/61, Harris County Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. WILLIAMS advised his office has received, within the past two days, six telegrams from California, which were couched in similar phraseology and appeared to possibly have resulted from some type of organized campaign. In general, these telegrams protested the arrest and incarceration of the "Freedom Riders" from California and demanded their immediate release. The telegrams asserted these arrests were in violation of democratic principals. Chief WILLIAMS furnished the following names and addresses appearing as the senders of these telegrams. Street addresses were not included in most instances:

[Redacted]  
California;[Redacted]  
California;

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③ - Bureau (AM) (RM)  
2 - Los Angeles (157-367) (AM) (RM)  
2 - Houston

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]

California;

[REDACTED]

California;

[REDACTED]

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California;

[REDACTED]

California;

Indices of Houston Office contained no references identifiable with above individuals.

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LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Is requested to check indices concerning above listed names in an effort to determine whether subversive information is available concerning these persons.

2. Is requested to check with any available sources to determine whether an organized campaign may be underway in an effort to publicize and create favorable propaganda on behalf of the "Freedom Riders" arrested at Houston, Texas.

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3. If significant derogatory subversive information is available concerning any of the above individuals, it is suggested that Los Angeles prepare a letterhead memorandum, setting forth above information furnished by Deputy WILLIAMS at Houston, Texas, and incorporate subversive data concerning the respective individuals. If no significant information is available, Los Angeles should advise the Bureau and Houston by airtel.

HOUSTON:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will maintain contact with the Harris County Sheriff's Office to determine if additional telegrams are received by that office and will, likewise, advise the Bureau and Los Angeles of the decision made by the District Attorney at Houston concerning local prosecution of this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/16/61

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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-47636)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/20/61  
RM; CR*FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC*

Re New Orleans airtel dated 7/21/61, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] with two copies thereof designated for the New Orleans Office.

The source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] *C*

- (2) - Bureau (Encls.8)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encls.2)
- 2 - San Francisco
  - 1 - 100-47636
  - 1 - 100-24927

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2 cc's to [redacted]  
Agency [redacted]  
Req. Rec'd [redacted]  
Date Forw. 8/23/61  
How Forw. R/S  
By [redacted]

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
July 20, 1961

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1-23-90 288,344 SP7A06  
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RE: [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1961, records of the Berkeley, California  
Police Department contained no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1961, records of the <sup>MA + MAS</sup> Credit Bureau of the Greater  
East Bay, Oakland, California, reflected that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in April, 1959, were residing at  
[REDACTED] California, and had formerly resided at  
[REDACTED]

was then employed as a [REDACTED]  
Berkeley, and had worked in 1958 as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was  
employed as [REDACTED] of the American Friends Service  
Committee, 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, and had  
formerly been employed by the YMCA in Berkeley. Their credit record  
was satisfactory.

On February 27, 1948, a source advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] California, had circulated a petition  
in precinct 183 for the purpose of having the Independent Progressive  
Party of California (IPP) on the election ballot. (See Appendix Page.)

In May, 1949, the County Clerk of Alameda County, Oakland,  
California, advised with regard to petitions to place the IPP on the  
election ballot in California in 1948, that petition number 978 had  
been circulated by [REDACTED] according to the signature  
thereon.

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On February 8, 1953, [redacted]  
[redacted] California, advised that during the preceding Christmas  
holidays, she had been [redacted] Yosemite.  
California [redacted]

[redacted] that according to [redacted]  
[redacted] in Berkeley, California; that  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] generally that various churches have become  
Fascist; that all money should be divided equally, and that the  
Russians are not communists.

On November 13, 1950 [redacted] identified  
[redacted] the American Friends Service  
Committee, Northern California Region, San Francisco, California.

On April 11, 1961, Mr. DON MULFORD, California State  
Assemblyman, 364 - 14th Street, Oakland, California, furnished a  
photostat of a letter dated March 21, 1961, addressed to Mr. MULFORD  
and written [redacted]

[redacted] California. The text of the letter follows:

"We too cherish and uphold free Speech every where in the  
United States but with no exceptions. The campuses are part of  
the United States, you know.

"It is behavior such as yours which turns students away  
from the American ideals of freedom since you make a mockery of  
it by wanting to deny it where it's exercise has some risk. Risk  
there may be. However, you increase it by your short-sighted  
un-American views and utterances.

(Signed) [redacted]

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The 1955 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 46, stated, "The Independent Progressive Party in California was quickly captured by the communists, and by the time the Wallace for President campaign had swung into high gear was being operated lock, stock, and barrel by the Communist Party of California. Time after time the committee in questioning witnesses throughout the State discovered that the leaders of the Communist Parties in various localities were identical with the leaders of the Independent Progressive Party in the same area. It is true, of course, that in the Independent Progressive Party there were many sincere liberals who, because of dissatisfaction with the two major political organizations registered as Independent Progressives and continued their affiliation until the true control of the I. P. P. became obvious. These people invariably resigned, many of them having given the benefit of their experience to various official agencies interested in the exposure of subversive activities."

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX PAGE



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Title	FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 7/20/61
Character	RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS
Reference	San Francisco memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/18/61

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

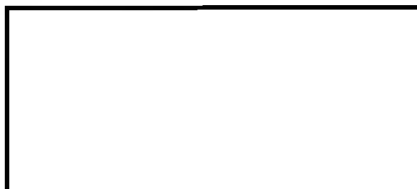
SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
 ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD  
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
 7/23/61  
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OO: New Orleans

Re New Orleans Airtel dated 7/24/61, captioned as  
 above.

Enclosed are eight copies to the Bureau and two copies  
 to New Orleans of letterhead memoranda on each of the following  
 individuals, who according to referenced Airtel, were arrested  
 on 7/23/61, by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department:



The records of the San Francisco Police Department  
 and the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, which were  
 reviewed relative to [redacted] were checked by IC  
 [redacted] on 8/10/61. These records were also checked  
 on [redacted] on 8/8/61, by IC [redacted]

The files of the Marin County SO, Credit Bureau, and  
 the Larkspur, California, Police Department, were reviewed  
 on 8/16/61, by SA [redacted] relative to [redacted]

The files of the San Jose, California, Police Department

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 40) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encl. 10) (RM)
- 6 - San Francisco (100-24927)

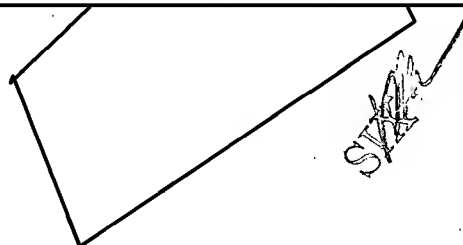
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 (10) Agency *1-2 on 10/1/61*

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and the Credit Bureau of Santa Clara Valley, which covers San Jose, California, were reviewed by SA JOHN M. PAGE on 8/16/61.

A review of the indices of the San Francisco Office on all of the previously listed individuals failed to reflect any information concerning them.

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JULY 23, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

The records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, reflect that [redacted] was one of several individuals who were arrested on July 23, 1961, in the colored waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, after arriving by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. [redacted] was charged with breach of the peace for failing to move on after being ordered to do so by officers of the Jackson Police Department.

[redacted] according to the records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, is [redacted] lbs [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, last employment [redacted] city not listed. [redacted] was born [redacted] California, and presently resides at [redacted] California.

The files of the Marin County Sheriff's Office, the Marin County Credit Bureau, both of which cover Larkspur, California, and the Larkspur Police Department, all failed to reflect any record for [redacted]

Sources in the San Francisco and Marin County Areas were unable to furnish any information of a subversive nature regarding [redacted]

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 23, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS - CIVIL RIGHTS

The records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, reflect that [redacted] was one of several individuals who were arrested on July 23, 1961, in the colored waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, after arriving by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. [redacted] was charged with breach of the peace for failing to move on after being ordered to do so by officers of the Jackson Police Department.

[redacted] according to the records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, presently resides at [redacted] and is [redacted] lbs., [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, and is employed as [redacted]. [redacted] date of birth is [redacted] Pennsylvania.

The files of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association failed to reflect any record for [redacted]

Sources in the San Francisco, California, area were unable to furnish any information of a subversive nature regarding [redacted]

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JULY 23, 1961  
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[redacted] according to the records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, resides at [redacted] California, and he is a student at San Francisco State College. These records further describe [redacted] as a [redacted] lbs. [redacted] eyes [redacted] hair, with [redacted]

[redacted] was born on [redacted]

The files of the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, both of which cover Daly City, California, failed to reflect any record for [redacted]

Sources in the San Francisco, California, area were unable to furnish any information of a subversive nature regarding [redacted]

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The records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, reflect that [redacted] was one of several individuals who were arrested on July 23, 1961, in the colored waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, after arriving by train from New Orleans, Louisiana. [redacted] was charged with breach of the peace for failing to move on after being ordered to do so by officers of the Jackson Police Department.

[redacted] according to the records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, is [redacted] lbs., [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, and is unemployed. He resides at [redacted] San Francisco. He was born on [redacted] Pennsylvania. C/H

The files of the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Retailers Credit Association, failed to reflect any record for [redacted]

Sources in the San Francisco, California, area were unable to furnish any information of a subversive nature regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] according to the records of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, resides at [redacted] California, and is a San Jose State College student. He is described as [redacted] lbs. [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, born, [redacted] California.

The files of the San Jose, California, Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Santa Clara Valley, which covers San Jose, California, failed to reflect any record for [redacted]  
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Sources in the San Francisco and San Jose, California, areas were unable to furnish any information of a subversive nature regarding [redacted]

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**Memo**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 16, 1961

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-26)

SUBJECT: **FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

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OO: NEW ORLEANS

*0 FREEDOM RIDE - MISC.*

Rerep of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 7/13/61 at New Orleans, and Bureau airtel dated 8/11/61 to Minneapolis.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New Orleans are copies of Letterhead Memorandum dated August 16, 1961, which sets forth pertinent information on [REDACTED]

Minneapolis files contain no pertinent subversive information on [REDACTED]

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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MP T-1 is

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MP T-2 is

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thru 109  
thru 105

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-Symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

The Letterhead Memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because data reported from MP T-1 through MP T-7 tends to identify confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

[redacted] was born [redacted] at [redacted] Massachusetts. From 1955 to 1958 she lived at [redacted] Minnesota, and had previously resided at [redacted] St. Paul. In February, 1958 she obtained employment in Los Angeles and resided at [redacted] and [redacted] Los Angeles. She returned to St. Paul in May, 1958 and then took up residence in Los Angeles again from August, 1958 until December, 1958, residing at [redacted] Los Angeles. She returned to St. Paul to live at [redacted] until January, 1960 when she resided at [redacted] St. Paul. In July, 1960 she moved to [redacted] She is employed as a [redacted] at the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MP T-1 advised on various dates from June 23, 1953 to February 23, 1956 that [redacted] was a member of the St. Paul Labor Youth League (LYL) during 1953, became a member of the Teenage LYL Club in Minneapolis in 1954, transferred from the Teenage Club to the Industrial Club of the Minnesota LYL in September, 1955, was a member of the Industrial Club No. 2 of the Minnesota LYL in December, 1955, and in February, 1956 served as a member of the Minnesota LYL Cultural Committee. During the period June 19, 1953 to February 23, 1956 she attended at least five meetings and functions of the Minnesota LYL.

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**FREEDOM RIDE, 1961**

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MP T-2 advised on various dates from June 22, 1953 to June 7, 1956 that [redacted] attended [redacted] functions and meetings of the Minnesota LYL during the period [redacted] she was [redacted] the Minnesota LYL Cultural Group.

MP T-3 advised on various dates from June 1, 1956 to August 26, 1958 that [redacted] in June, 1956 was a close sympathizer of the Communist Party (CP) in St. Paul, Minnesota, and would probably help the Party in any way she could. In October, 1956 she attended a Halloween party sponsored by the St. Paul CP and at a St. Paul CP club meeting held February 23, 1957 it was announced that she wanted to be a member of the CP and she was voted in as a member of the club. She attended her first meeting of the CP club [redacted] During the period [redacted] attended [redacted] meetings of her St. Paul CP club, as well as [redacted] other CP functions in the same period. On August 26, 1958 she was considered to be a current member of the St. Paul section of the CP.

[redacted] also known as [redacted] who was born [redacted] at Palo Alto, California, resides at [redacted] Minnesota, and is a student at the University of Minnesota.

MP T-2 advised on various dates from December 12, 1952 to April 4, 1956, that [redacted] attended [redacted] meetings and rehearsals of the North Star Singers at Minneapolis during the period [redacted] This informant described the North Star Singers as a singing group organized under the auspices of the LYL. [redacted] also attended the LYL State Convention held June 20-21, 1953, and an LYL picnic held July 18, 1953. The informant believed that all persons attending the latter affair were LYL members, including [redacted] Informant further advised that [redacted] attended at [redacted] meetings and functions of the Minnesota LYL during the period [redacted] and during this period was a member of the LYL Teenage Club.

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MP T-4 advised on various dates from April 30, 1953 to July 23, 1953 that [redacted] attended [redacted] functions and meetings of the North Star Singers in the period [redacted] as well as the LYL State Convention on June 20-21, 1953. The informant believed that all persons in attendance at the convention were members of the LYL, including [redacted]

MP T-1 advised on various dates from June 23, 1953 to May 18, 1956 that during the period [redacted] [redacted] attended [redacted] meetings and functions of the Minnesota LYL, including the LYL State Convention on June 20-21, 1953. [redacted] he was a member of the Teenage Club of the Minnesota LYL but was transferred to the Student Group of the LYL [redacted] In the same month [redacted] was scheduled to be [redacted] soon to be organized. In [redacted] he was [redacted] for the LYL Student Group and a member [redacted] of the Minnesota LYL. [redacted] he was appointed to the [redacted] Minnesota LYL.

MP T-5 advised on various dates from September 30, 1955 to May 16, 1956 that [redacted] attended [redacted] meetings and functions of the Minnesota LYL during the period [redacted] he was scheduled to [redacted] held by the LYL. In [redacted] he was described as a member of [redacted] the Minnesota LYL.

MP T-6 advised on various dates from October 3, 1955 to March 13, 1956 that [redacted] was scheduled to [redacted] but was not present when the class met. He attended [redacted] meetings of the Minnesota LYL during the period [redacted]

MP T-7 advised on various dates from November 22, 1955 to March 23, 1956 that [redacted] attended [redacted] meetings and functions of the Minnesota LYL during the period [redacted]





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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **157-26**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**August 16, 1961**

Title **FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961**

Character **RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS**

Reference **Minneapolis Letterhead  
Memorandum dated and captioned as  
above.**

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264

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HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, COMPLETED MIDAFTERNOON TODAY. NO  
NEGROES SERVING ON JURY. STATE IS EXPECTED TO PUT SOME WITNESSES  
ON STAND TODAY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM AUG.  
TWENTYTHREE. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. TWENTYTWO SUMMARY.  
SEVENTEEN FR PRISONERS RELEASED ON BOND AUG.

TWENTYTHREE.

IDENTITIES FOLLOW BY AIRTEL. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN.  
RELEASED ON BOND TWO FIVE THREE. PAID FINES FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY  
ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED  
ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN CUSTODY  
THIRTYTHREE. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND  
JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (100-25421)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDERS TRIP  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
LEAVING LOS ANGELES JULY 12, 1961  
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FREEDOM RIDERS - INFORMATION

Re Seattle airtel July 13, 1961 and New Orleans  
airtel to Los Angeles, July 18, 1961.

Referenced Seattle airtel furnished information  
regarding [redacted] affiliation with subversive groups in  
the Seattle area.

Attached letterhead memorandum contains additional  
information on [redacted]

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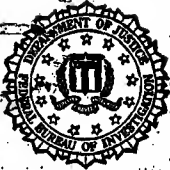
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Special Agent in Charge

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RE: PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDERS TRIP  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
LEAVING LOS ANGELES JULY 12, 1961

On August 2, 1961, records of the Identification Division, Spokane Police Department contained the following arrest for [redacted] born [redacted] in Washington: January 31, 1956 [redacted] Young People's Bureau.

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Records of the Young People's Bureau were reviewed and stated that [redacted] born [redacted] address [redacted] parents [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] Report stated that one boy had found [redacted] and was taking it home to find the owner when [redacted] and another boy stopped him. The boy with [redacted] told the other boy that the [redacted] was his and that he had put it [redacted] and the boy then took the [redacted] from the other boy and both proceeded to [redacted] The [redacted] had been stolen two months earlier but [redacted] was not involved in the theft. The boys were turned over to Juvenile authorities and parents notified. No disposition noted.

On August 2, 1961, [redacted] Spokane Credit Bureau advised she could locate no credit record for [redacted]

On August 2, 1961, records of the Identification Division, Spokane County Sheriff's Office were negative for [redacted]

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TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,  
LEAVING LOS ANGELES JULY 12, 1961

Polk's City Directory for 1961 lists [redacted]

and [redacted]

both residing [redacted]

The files of the Seattle Police Department were reviewed on July 21, 1961 and contained no record of [redacted]  
[redacted]

The records of the King County Sheriff's Office, Seattle, Washington were reviewed on July 21, 1961 and contained no record of [redacted]

The records of the Seattle Credit Bureau were reviewed on July 21, 1961 and contained no record of [redacted]  
[redacted]

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TO : Director, FBI (157-373)

DATE: 8/9/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45748)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
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Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/61.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

At University Park, Pa.

On 7/25/61, [redacted] an established source, whose identity should be protected, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] born [redacted] in [redacted] place not indicated, received his A.B. from Brooklyn College in 1954; his M.A. from Brown University in 1955; and a Ph. D. from Ohio State University in 1958. He was formerly employed by [redacted] Ohio, during the period 1957-1958. During the period 1958-1959, he studied [redacted] by the American School of Classical Studies [redacted] taught Ancient History [redacted]

[redacted] during the school year 1959-1960, and resided at [redacted] Pa., with [redacted] name not known.

[redacted] advised no information came to his attention concerning [redacted] which was believed to be of interest to this office. He said [redacted] record indicates he is a classical scholar [redacted] obtained employment at Cornell University subsequent to his employment at Pennsylvania State University. He could furnish no additional information.

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No information was located in the files of the Philadelphia Office identifiable with [REDACTED]

One copy of this communication is directed to the Albany Office for information since [REDACTED] is employed there at the present time.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/11/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/15 - 19/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FREEDOM RIDE. 1961</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 15px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <b>Illinois Central Railroad New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi July 16, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>RAH</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM: CR</b> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW	

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## REFERENCES

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New Orleans airtel to Los Angeles, 7/17/61. (Interoffice)  
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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/11/61

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New Orleans, Louisiana to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 16, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] a Freedom Rider, arrived in Jackson, Miss., via ICRR at 10:10 AM, 7/16/61. Was arrested by Jackson PD at ICRR Depot when he failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/17/61 and, after NG plea, was convicted of violation of S. 2089.5, Mississippi Code. Sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. Was transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/19/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY on July 15, 1961, that a Freedom Rider by the name of [redacted] from California, was due to arrive in New Orleans at 9:30 PM, July 15, 1961, and would go from New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi.

On July 16, 1961, [redacted] advised SA PRESLEY that [redacted] had arrived in New Orleans as scheduled and had departed New Orleans en route Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:10 AM via Illinois Central Railroad.

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Information concerning this matter was furnished  
to the following individuals on July 16, 1961, by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department,  
Jackson, Mississippi;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson,  
Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson,  
Mississippi;

[redacted] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;  
Special Agent, ICRR, Jackson,  
Mississippi.

Date 7/19/61

At 10:10 AM, July 16, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad Train "The City of New Orleans" arrived in Jackson, Mississippi, from New Orleans, Louisiana.

One Negro male descended the steps from the platform where the train had arrived and entered the waiting room designated for white passengers and sat down. Captain [ ] Jackson Police Department, and one uniformed officer approached this man and Captain [ ] spoke to him several times and then placed this person under arrest at 10:13 AM.

After the arrest, this individual accompanied the officers to a police car of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department and entered same, after which the car departed.

There was no incident connected with this arrest, no crowd and nothing of a disorderly nature occurred.

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On 7/16/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-347  
by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II/eah Date dictated 7/16/61

7/20/61

Date

The following observations were made at the Illinois Central Railroad Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 16, 1961:

At 10:12 AM, one Negro male was observed to come down the stairs from the passenger loading ramp, cross the passenger concourse and enter the terminal white waiting room. This Negro went immediately to a bench and took a seat. He was immediately approached by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. Captain [redacted] ordered the Negro to leave the waiting room, repeated his order and then asked the Negro if he had heard the order. The Negro apparently declined to obey [redacted] order and he was placed under arrest. Time of arrest was 10:13 AM.

The Negro was escorted from the waiting room then to a police patrol car parked at the end of the concourse. At no time during the arrest was force used against the Negro. No handcuffs or other restraining device were used and the arrest was quietly affected. The arrested Negro is briefly described as 25 years old, about 5'8" tall and was wearing a blue suit; he was not carrying luggage.

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On 7/16/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-347

by SA [redacted]/eah Date dictated 7/16/61

Date 7/20/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was arrested in the white waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, at 10:15 AM, July 16, 1961, and charged with Breach of the Peace. PIERCE advised that [redacted] had entered the waiting room after alighting from the train which arrived from New Orleans at 10:10 AM. Captain [redacted] the arresting officer, had approached [redacted] in the white waiting room and ordered him to move on. When [redacted] refused, he was placed under arrest and brought to the Police Department where he was booked and jailed.

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PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrest.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning [redacted]

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

California

Date of arrest:

7/16/61

Charge:

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Student, Los Angeles State College

Marital status:

Father:

Texas

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by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II/eah Date dictated 7/16/61

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Mother:

[Redacted]

Education:

High school and four years Los  
Angeles State College

Scars:

[Redacted]

Comments:

Member CORE

Date 7/21/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 17, 1961, for violation of Section 2089.5 of the Mississippi Code. He entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney. He was convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, [redacted] would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out his sentence and fine.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On 7/17/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-347

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/17/61



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On July 19, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was transferred from the Hinds County Jail to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 19, 1961.

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Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>8/15/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/8 - 17/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961</b> <b>Illinois Central Railroad Depot Jackson, Mississippi, July 8, 1961</b>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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By airtel 8/15/61, New York was requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on [ ] and forward eight copies of letterhead memo to Bureau and one to New Orleans setting forth the results.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/15/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE. 1961

[redacted]  
Illinois Central Railroad Depot  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
July 8, 1961

## Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
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## Synopsis:

[redacted] age [redacted] a lone Freedom Rider, was arrested at ICRR Depot, Jackson, Miss., at 10:00 AM, 7/8/61, when he failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Was charged with Breach of Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. [redacted] tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and after NG plea, was convicted of violation S. 2089.5, Mississippi Code. Was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. Was transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 8, 1961. He advised that [redacted] a lone Freedom Rider, had been arrested at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, on July 8, 1961.

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Date

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was arrested in the colored waiting room of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot at Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:00 AM. on July 8, 1961. He was arrested by Officer [redacted] Jackson Police Department. According to PIERCE, [redacted] had observed [redacted] in the colored waiting room and approached him and asked him to move on. [redacted] reportedly told [redacted] he did not think it made any difference where he sat and Officer [redacted] again ordered him to move on. When [redacted] refused to move [redacted] placed him under arrest for Breach of the Peace, and brought him to police headquarters. According to PIERCE, there were no incidents in connection with the arrest.

PIERCE advised that according to information he had obtained [redacted] had been in Jackson for several days staying at the YMCA and had made it known that he wanted to get in on the Freedom Rider demonstrations.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning [redacted]

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
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Build:	<input type="text"/>
Occupation:	Student
Marital status:	<input type="text"/>
Father:	<input type="text"/>
Mother:	<input type="text"/>
Education:	12th grade, 3 years City College of New York
Prior arrests:	None

Date 7/14/61

Chief of Detectives W. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961.

PIERCE stated that [redacted] was tried for violation of Section 2089.5, Mississippi Code. He represented himself and entered a plea of not guilty. He was convicted and was sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On 7/10/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-335

by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/10/61

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On July 17, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY,  
Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] was transferred to the Mississippi State  
penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961.



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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Trailways Bus Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi July 7, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders</i>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	TYPED BY <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM; CR</b>	

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LEADS

CINCINNATI OFFICE

AT ATHENS, OHIO

[REDACTED] student, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

AT WILMINGTON, OHIO

[REDACTED] student, Wilmington College,

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

[REDACTED] Cin-  
cinnati, Ohio.

CLEVELAND OFFICE

AT AKRON, OHIO

[REDACTED]

DETROIT OFFICE

AT SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

[REDACTED]

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

[REDACTED]

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

1. [REDACTED] N. Y.

2. [REDACTED]

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/10/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number: 157-331

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus  
Montgomery, Alabama to Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Synopsis:

8 Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus at 6:05 PM, 7/7/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Trailways Terminal when they failed to obey the order of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/10/61, and, after ~~no~~ pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to 4 months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss. 3 released on bond on various dates.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case is predicated upon receipt of the following information:

On July 6, 1961, [redacted]  
Congress of Racial Equality, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY that [redacted]  
Freedom Rider, was leaving New Orleans, Louisiana, at 2:15 PM, July 6, 1961, to travel to Montgomery, Alabama, where he would

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join six or seven other Freedom Riders for travel to Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961.

By communication dated July 7, 1961, the Mobile Office advised that [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, had advised on July 7, 1961, that a group of eight Freedom Riders would depart Montgomery, Alabama, at 11:30 AM, via Trailways Bus for Jackson, Mississippi.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 7, 1961, by SA [redacted]

M. B. PIERCE, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi;

Captain [redacted] Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi.

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Date 7/13/61b6  
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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961:

At 6:05 PM, CST, the regularly scheduled bus from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the terminal. Of the passengers alighting from the bus, a group consisting of four Negro males, three white males and one white female walked into the white waiting room of the terminal. They stayed in a group and walked towards the restaurant. At about the time they reached the entrance to the restaurant, they were approached by Captain [ ] [ ] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi. He was observed to speak to the group and, after a short period of time, other police department officers were observed speaking to the members of the group separately, taking notes. They then were escorted from the waiting room to a police patrol wagon, which was parked just outside the main entrance of the bus terminal.

There were no incidents in connection with the above matter.

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On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-331  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/7/61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi:

At approximately 6:05 PM, Trailways Bus #5143 from Montgomery, Alabama, arrived at the Trailways Bus Terminal. Among the passengers observed leaving the bus were four young Negro males, three young white males and one young white female. These eight passengers entered the terminal white waiting room where they were immediately questioned by Captain [ ] of the Jackson Police Department.

The eight passengers left the white waiting room at Captain [ ] direction and were escorted by other police officers to a patrol wagon parked at one end of the terminal passenger loading platform.

Though there were a number of citizens present on the loading platform, no demonstrations or unusual incidents were observed. The eight passengers were placed in the patrol wagon without incident.

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by SA [ ] eah Date dictated 7/7/61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/13/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Trailways Bus Terminal at 6:10 PM, on July 7, 1961, by Captain [redacted] of the Jackson Police Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by bus from Montgomery, Alabama. They had entered the white waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the order of the officer, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace, and transported to the city jail, where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/7/61

Charge:

Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Oklahoma

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Student

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

12th grade, 2 years LamarJunior College, Lamar, Colo.

Prior arrests:

None

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Name: ELMER L. BROWN  
Jackson PD #: 21139  
Residence: 857 Visson Ave., Akron, Ohio  
Date of arrest: 7/7/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace  
Race: Negro  
Sex: Male  
Age: 20  
Date of birth: 11/27/40  
Place of birth: Akron, Ohio  
Height: 5'8"  
Weight: 155  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Medium brown  
Build: Slim  
Occupation: Student, Akron, Ohio  
Marital status: Single  
Father: JOSEPH BROWN  
Mother: VEARLON BROWN  
Education: 12th grade; 1½ years, Akron, Ohio, University  
Prior arrests: None  
Comments: Member, NAACP

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest: 7/7/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Birth data:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:

Ohio

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Occupation: Student, Xavier University,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Marital status: [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED]

Education: Xavier University, Cincinnati,  
Ohio

Prior arrests: Admits arrested Cincinnati PD,  
1960, on charge [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] arrested  
Hamilton, Ohio, PD, 1961,  
for [REDACTED]  
plus [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Comments: Member NAACP & CORE

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Name: [REDACTED]

Jackson PD #: [REDACTED]

Residence: [REDACTED]

Date of arrest: 7/7/61

Charge: Breach of Peace

Race: [REDACTED]

Sex: [REDACTED]

Age: [REDACTED]

Birth data: [REDACTED] N. Y.

Height: [REDACTED]

Weight: [REDACTED]

Eyes: [REDACTED]

Hair: [REDACTED]

Complexion: [REDACTED]

Build: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Student, Queens College,  
N. Y. C.

Marital status: [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED]

Education: 12th grade; 1 year Queens  
College, N. Y., N. Y.

Prior arrests: None

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Birth data:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

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Breach of Peace

N. Y.

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education;

12th grade; 4 years Hunter  
College, N. Y., N. Y. (BA);  
1 year college at New School  
for Social Re., N. Y., N. Y.

Prior arrests:

Admits picketing in New York  
for integration (does not  
reflect if arrested)

Comments:

Member NAACP & CORE

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Birth data:

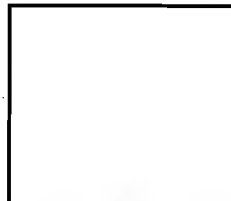
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Breach of the Peace

Michigan

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Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:



Student, Detroit Business  
Institute

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:



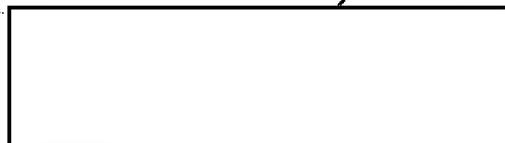
12th grade; 1 year Wayne  
State University, Detroit,  
Michigan; 2½ years, Detroit,  
Michigan, Business Inst.  
Sit-in, picketing demon-  
strations in Detroit, Michigan.  
(Woolworth store) (swimming  
pools); racial demonstration  
on bus in Birmingham, Ala.;  
picketing in Cincinnati, Ohio  
Member NAACP & CORE

Prior arrests:

Comments:

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Date of arrest:

7/7/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Birth data:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:



Ohio

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Build: [redacted]  
Occupation: Student, Wilmington College  
Marital status: [redacted]  
Father: [redacted]  
Mother: [redacted]  
Education: 12th grade; 1 year college,  
Wilmington College, Wilmington,  
Ohio  
Prior arrests: Integration march in Cin-  
cinnati, Ohio (peace march)  
Comments: [redacted]

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest: 7/7/61  
Charge: Breach of Peace

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Birth data:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Ohio

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Student, Ohio University,  
Athens, Ohio

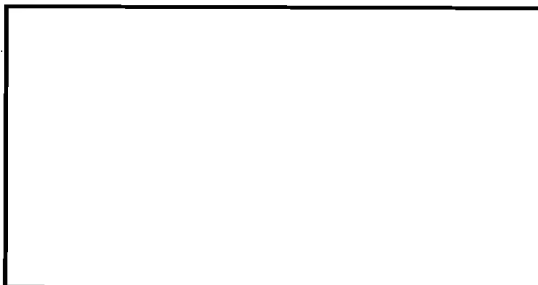
Prior arrests:  
Comments:

Ohio University 2 1/4 years;  
1/4 year at Cincinnati Univ.,  
Ohio  
None  
Would not say if member CP, USA,  
NAACP or CORE

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 10, 1961:



PIERCE stated all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants will be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences, and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

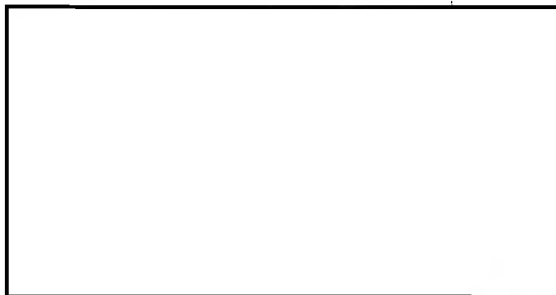
PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/10/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



On July 19, 1961, Chief Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised that according to information he had received at about 11:00 PM, July 18, 1961, ELMER BROWN, a Freedom Rider confined to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, had fallen from his bunk in the prison and injured his head. He was taken to a hospital in Greenwood, Mississippi, where it was determined he was suffering from a skull fracture, which, according to [redacted] was said not to be too serious in nature.

[redacted] advised that after being examined at the hospital in Greenwood BROWN was being transported to the University of Mississippi Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, for observation and treatment.

[redacted] said he had no details as to the manner in which the injury occurred.

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY advised that ELMER BROWN had been examined by two neurosurgeons at the University of Mississippi Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of July 19, 1961. According to GILFOY, the surgeons had been unable to find anything wrong with BROWN and could find no evidence of a skull fracture. GILFOY stated he intended to return BROWN to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman on July 19, 1961.

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By communication dated July 7, 1961,  
the Denver Office advised as follows:

No credit or arrest record was located  
for [redacted] at Boulder, Colorado, checks being made  
at the Credit Bureau of Boulder, Inc., Boulder Police De-  
partment, and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office.

On July 7, 1961, [redacted]  
[redacted] University of Colorado, Boulder, made  
available to SA KENNETH BRIDENSTINE [redacted]  
for [redacted] has been assigned [redacted]  
[redacted] and a permit to register for the fall  
term in 1961 has been issued, and was dated April 25, 1961.  
[redacted] gives the following background in-  
formation:

[redacted] was born on [redacted] at  
[redacted] Oklahoma. His father is shown as [redacted] and his  
mother's name is listed as [redacted]  
was graduated from DuBois High School at Sumitt, Oklahoma,  
in [redacted]

[redacted] The file reflects that he lived at  
Oktaha, Oklahoma, from 1940 to 1955, and that following  
[redacted] he came to Colorado and established  
residence, and has been attending Lamar Junior College, Lamar,  
Colorado, since the Fall of 1959.

He has earned a scholastic average of  
3.07, which is slightly above a "B." [redacted] indicated that  
he was entering the Arts and Sciences College, and planned  
to major in Psychology.

As a close friend he listed [redacted]  
[redacted]  
Colorado. He indicated that he had voted in Prowers County,  
Colorado, and plans to make Colorado his permanent residence.  
He listed as references [redacted]  
[redacted] Colorado, and [redacted]



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Lamar, Colorado. He indicated that he had been employed at the [REDACTED]

On information on rating sheet from the Lamar Junior College, it was indicated by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Lamar Junior College, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] is intellectually mature, and generally was very favorable to [REDACTED]

Denver indicates negative regarding [REDACTED]

On July 21, 1961, [REDACTED] Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that ELMER L. BROWN had been released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on July 21, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been released on \$500 cash appeal bond on July 25, 1961.

On July 28, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been released on \$500 cash appeal bond on July 28, 1961.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/11/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13797)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
GREYHOUND BUS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961  
RM; CR

Re New Orleans airtel to Boston, dated 7/31/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above but dealing with [redacted] one of the Freedom Riders. Also enclosed for New Orleans are two copies of the letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum has been classified ~~confidential~~ because information reported from any of the three informants mentioned therein, all currently active, might jeopardize their future effectiveness.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were used only in necessary cases.

MI T-1 is [redacted] who requested his identity be concealed. Information reported by MI T-1 can be found in MI 100-23501-1A(9).

MI T-2 is [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON. Information attributed to MI T-3 appears in its original form in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Sources used for characterizing the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee": [redacted]

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GVH:sjr  
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How Forw. [redacted]  
By [redacted]

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The following informants were used to characterize SOTL:

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All of the above sources have furnished reliable information in the past.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
GREYHOUND BUS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961

Records of the Police Department at Jackson, Mississippi, show that on July 29, 1961 one [redacted] a Freedom Rider, was arrested for breach of the peace after arriving in Jackson by bus from Nashville, Tennessee.

The police records identified [redacted] as having been born [redacted] New York and as living at [redacted] New York.

The records further spoke of her as a [redacted] tall, weighing [redacted] pounds, as having [redacted] eyes, [redacted] hair, a [redacted] complexion and as currently a student at the University of Wisconsin (UW) in Madison, Wisconsin. She was said to be a former member of the National Association of Colored People. She claimed to have participated in an integration march in Washington, D.C. in 1958-1959, picketed in New York in 1959, and a demonstration for disarmament walk from New Rochelle to New York.

MI T-1 advised on November 28, 1960 that one [redacted] Wisconsin, was then a subscriber to a publication called "Studies on the Left".

A documentation of "Studies on the Left" appears below.

MI T-2 advised on May 21 and 22, 1961 that the name of [redacted] Wisconsin, appeared on an addressograph plate currently in the offices of the [redacted] New York City.

A documentation of the FPCC appears below.

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Records of the Madison Credit Bureau, Madison, Wisconsin, of the Madison Police Department, of the Dane County Sheriff's Office at Madison, and of the Security and Protection Force of the UW, Madison, all consulted on August 5, 1961 respectively by [redacted]

[redacted] contained no mention of the name of [redacted]

MI T-3 advised on August 5, 1961 that one [redacted] born [redacted] whose permanent address was [redacted] New York, was graduated from the high school at New Rochelle and entered the UW at Madison during September, 1960, thereafter attending the University for a full school year. [redacted] according to the informant, were divorced. They were [redacted]

[redacted] whose residence since July, 1954 was [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] of the [redacted] address at New Rochelle.

MI T-3, like the other two informants mentioned above, gave no further information about [redacted]

## STUDIES ON THE LEFT (SOTL)

The "Wisconsin State Journal," a daily newspaper published at Madison, Wisconsin, on November 26, 1959 announced that a new scholarly magazine, "Studies on the Left," a historical review dedicated to the leftist point of view, edited by present and former graduate students at the University of Wisconsin (UW), but having no connection with the UW itself, would begin publication soon.

Records of the Wisconsin Secretary of State reflect SOTL was incorporated under laws of Wisconsin July 16, 1959 as a non-stock, non-profit corporation with headquarters P.O. Box 2121, Madison, Wisconsin. Three issues were published during the period December, 1959 to November, 1960. The first issue contained a policy statement of the editors stating SOTL was primarily a magazine for national circulation designed to give younger men with radical views a place to voice their opinions.

Publicly listed members of SOTL's Editorial Board [redacted]

[redacted] have been identified by sources previously as having participated in the activities of the Labor Youth League (LYL); while Editorial Board members [redacted]

[redacted] have been identified as active members of the Communist Party (CP). Another source has identified [redacted] as handling the finance and business affairs of SOTL.

The Communist Party, USA, and the Labor Youth League have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

## APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
August 11, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Title FREEDOM RIDE, 1961,  
GREYHOUND BUS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 29, 1961

Character RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference Letterhead memorandum of SA GEORGE V.  
HUEBSCH at Milwaukee, dated 8/11/61.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961 Greyhound Bus Nashville, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi, July 16, 1961</b> <i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i>		Report made by <b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>	Typed By: <b>eah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>RM; CR</b>	

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BY: *Jak. plw*

## REFERENCES

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## LEADS

By airtel dated 7/19/61, Minneapolis, New Haven, New York and Philadelphia Offices were requested to check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders and furnish results to Bureau.

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BY: *B. J. H.*

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom  
Riders.

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## RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Seven Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Greyhound Bus, at 6:40 AM, 7/16/61. All arrested by Jackson PD at Greyhound Bus Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/17/61, and after NG pleas were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All Freedom Riders in this group transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/19/61. One Freedom Rider released on bond 7/25/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Memphis Office of the FBI. By communication dated July 15, 1961, Memphis advised that [redacted] Student Central Committee, Nashville Student Non-Violent Movement, Nashville, Tennessee, had advised on July 15, 1961, that seven Freedom Riders would

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depart Nashville on July 15, 1961, via Greyhound Bus to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 5:30 AM, July 16, 1961.

Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 15, 1961, by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

[redacted] Greyhound Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

Date 7/20/61

At 5:26 AM, SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, observed the waiting room designated for white passengers at the Greyhound Bus Station in Jackson, Mississippi. There were very few persons in the waiting room other than a group of four uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department together with Captain [redacted] who appeared to be dividing his attention to the white waiting room and the loading dock of the terminal where the buses enter and depart.

At 6:40 AM, Greyhound Bus 4447 arrived from Memphis, Tennessee. A number of passengers got off and from the white waiting room it could be observed that a group of whites and an individual whose race was not immediately apparent entered the waiting room designated for colored passengers.

At 6:55 AM, officers of the Jackson Police Department were observed loading four white males, two white females and one individual mentioned above, whose race was not apparent from his appearance, into the "paddy wagon" of the Jackson Police Department, after which the wagon departed the bus station.

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by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II/eah Date dictated 7/16/61

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Date

The following observations were made at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 16, 1961:

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At 6:40 AM, Greyhound Bus #4447 was observed to arrive at the terminal and the passengers on board began to leave the bus. Among the passengers a group of seven began to separate themselves from the others; this group, consisting of four white males, two white females and one other male, whose race was not immediately ascertainable, waited on the passenger loading platform for several minutes while awaiting the unloading of baggage belonging to some of their number.

These seven individuals then proceeded to enter the colored waiting room at the terminal and were followed therein by Captain [ ] and several other uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department.

Some of the seven took seats at the waiting room lunch counter while the remaining stood beside them. Captain [ ] approached this group, asked them if they would move on, then ordered them to move from the waiting room and finally asked them if they heard his order. When several members of the group acknowledged they had heard [ ] but declined to leave as ordered, all seven were placed under arrest and were escorted from the waiting room by a side door.

At 6:55 AM, these seven individuals were observed to enter a police patrol wagon parked in front of the terminal. No incidents occurred during the arrest, no handcuffs or other restraining device observed to have been used, and the arrests were quietly carried out.

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by SA [ ] Date dictated 7/16/61

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names are set out below were arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, at 6:55 AM, on July 16, 1961, by Captain [redacted] of the Police Department. PIERCE advised that this group of Freedom Riders had arrived at Jackson by bus from Nashville, Tennessee. They had entered the colored waiting room of the terminal and were ordered to move on by police officers. When they failed to obey the orders of the officers, they were arrested on a charge of Breach of the Peace and transported to the City Jail where they were booked. PIERCE said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

PIERCE furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning the individuals arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:

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Breach of Peace

Tenn.  
Miss.

Illinois

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by SA [redacted] /eah Date dictated 7/16/61

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Father:  
Mother:

Education:

High School and 4 yrs. Northern  
Illinois State Teacher's  
College

Scars:

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

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Charge:

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

High school, 4 years college,  
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Prior arrests:

Arrested PD, New York, charge  
(picketing demonstration)  
25 days in jail 1961 -(violation  
National Defense Act); picketing  
in New York and Washington,  
D. C., and Boston, Mass.

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Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
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Age:  
Date of birth:

Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

Comments:

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Breach of Peace

Tenn

4 yrs. high school, N. Y. C.  
N. Y. C. -

Member NAACP picketed Nashville,  
Tenn., 7/15/61, picketed N.Y.C.  
Woolworth Store in 1960

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:

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Breach of the peace

MI, SS

Tenn

MI

Michigan

Ga



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Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:

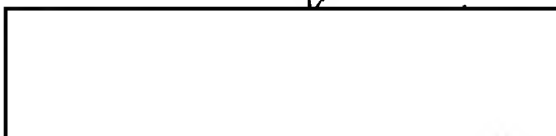
Education:

Comments:



High school, 4 yrs. George  
Washington University, 1 year  
Boston University  
Member NAACP

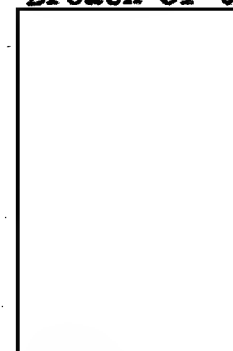
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Residence:



Date of arrest:  
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Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

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Breach of the peace

Ohio  
Miss.  
Tenn.



Delaware

Student, University of  
Minnesota, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota

Marital status:



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Father:

Mother:

Education:

High school, 4 years Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, student, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scar:

Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/16/61

Charge:

Breach of the peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Ohio

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

member of Emanuel  
Inst. Baptist Church

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

High school, 4 years college,  
Florida Normal College

Prior arrests:

Admits picketing & racial demonstrations in St. Augustine, Tallahassee and St. Petersburg, Fla., Miami, Fla., Savannah, Ga., and Norfolk, Va.

Comments:

Member NAACP, CORE

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Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/16/61

Charge:

Breach of peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

N. Y.

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

High school and 1 yr. of college,  
University of Bridgeport,  
Connecticut

Scars:

Comments:

Picketing Nashville, Tennessee,  
at H. G. Hill Store, 7/15/61

PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. All were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200.

According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their fines and sentences and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded conditions at the County Jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the above trial.

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On July 19, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that all the Freedom Riders arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, at 6:55 AM, July 16, 1961, were transferred from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 19, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, Deputy [redacted] advised that [redacted] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond the night of July 25, 1961, and indicated she would travel to Atlanta, Georgia.